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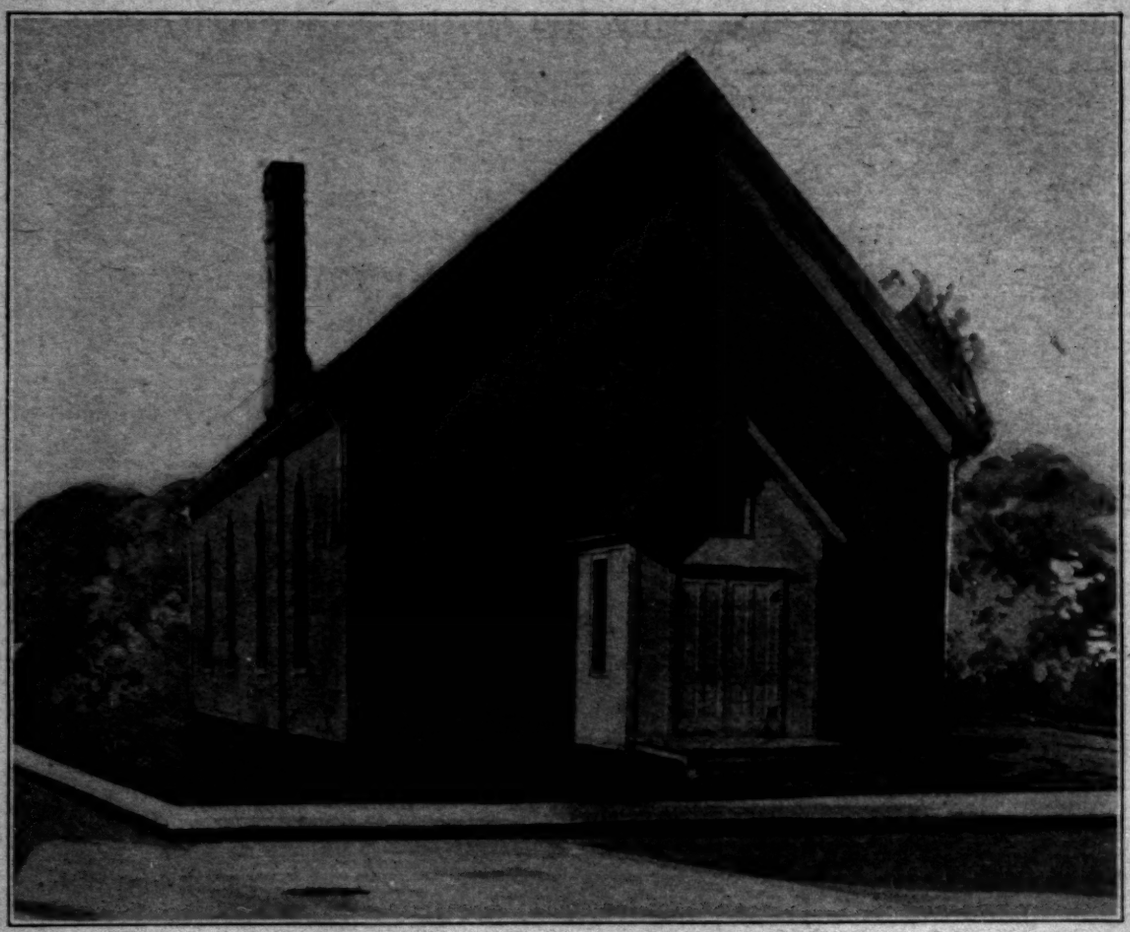

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLATTEVILLE, WIS.

First Church, Platteville, Wisconsin, which entertained Synod so royally, has just celebrated its Tenth Anniversary. On Sunday, June 1, 1902, the first services were held, and on the following evening an organization was effected with fifty-six charter members. Rev. Geo. P. Kabele, of Chicago, was the organizer and guiding spirit of the young congregation. On Sept. 28, 1902, the Rev. H. K. Gebhart became the first regular pastor. Under Pastor Gebhart's leadership the growth of the congregation was very rapid. The congregation worshipped in a rented church building until May, 1908, when the property was purchased. A parsonage was also acquired the same year. In February, 1909, the Rev. W. L. Steckel became pastor and is doing a very aggressive work.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Convention.

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of "The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Platteville, Wis., the Rev. W. L. Steckel, pastor, commencing on Tuesday morning, June 4, 1912.

The Liturgical Program for the Convention, submitted by the Liturgical Committee at the First Session and adopted, was as follows:

LITURGICAL PROGRAM.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH.

10:15 A. M. Confessional Service by Pres. of Synod, Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.
Hymn 354.
The Chief Service beginning with the Introit pg. 68.
Liturgical Service by Vice-Pres. of Synod, Rev. H. K. Gebhart.
Epistle, Romans 11:33-36.
Gospel, St. Matthew 28:16-20.
Collect for Trinity Sunday.
Sermon by Pres. of Synod, Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.
Hymns 625, 300, 336.

2:00 P. M. Formal Opening of Synod. Service conducted by the President.
Hymn 248.

8:00 P. M. Vespers conducted by Rev. Howard R. Gold.
Psalm 85.
Lessons, Hosea 14:1-9; St. Luke 15:1-10.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday and Nos. 18 and 63.
Hymns 246, 303, 386.

Wednesday, June 5th.

9:00 A. M. Matins conducted by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D.D.
Psalm 33.
Hymns 510, 389, 447.
Lessons, Philippians 2:1-8; St. Luke 16:1-12.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday, and No. 15.

2:00 P. M. Opening Service by Rev. F. E. Cooper.
Hymn 628.
Lesson, St. John 15:1-16.
Collects, Nos. 50, 22, or Free Prayer.

8:00 P. M. Vespers by Rev. W. F. Rex.
Psalm 2.
Hymns 301, 299, 296.
Lessons, Isaiah 52:7-15; St. Matt. 28:16-20.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday, Nos. 16, 24.

Thursday, June 6th.

9:00 A. M. Matins conducted by Rev. Paul W. Roth.
Psalm 8.
Hymns 513, 209, 206.
Lesson, St. Luke 9:23-37.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday, and Nos. 11 and 9.

2:00 P. M. Devotions by Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.
Hymn 435.
Lesson, Hebrews 11:1-19, 32 - 12:2.
Collects 58, 61 or Free Prayer.

8:00 P. M. Vespers conducted by Rev. Geo. H. Schnur.
Psalm 46.
Hymns 318, 274. 11.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday, for Reformation Day, No. 10.
Lessons, Gal. 2:16-21; St. John 2:13-17.

Friday, June 7th.

9:00 A. M. Matins conducted by Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister.
Psalm 119:14.
Hymns 512, 638, 470.
Lessons, Acts 10:34-43; St. Luke 13:18-30.
Collects, for Trinity Sunday and Nos. 4 and 15.

2:00 P. M. Service conducted by Rev. W. C. Stump.
Hymn 290.
Lesson, James 1:16-27.
Collects, Nos. 17 and 16, or Free Prayer.

8:00 P. M. Chief Service conducted by Rev. William Eckert and Rev. Jas. F. Beates.
Lessons, 2 Tim. 2:1-7, 15-16, 22-25; Matt. 10:1-15.
Ordination Sermon by Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D.
Hymns, 266, 286, 248, 594.

FIRST SESSION.

Tuesday, June 4, 1912, 2:00 P. M.

After the formal opening of Synod by the President, the Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister was elected temporary secretary in the absence of Rev. W. P. Christy, Secretary of Synod.

The Roll of ministers was called. The Credential Committee at this and later sessions reported credentials from twenty-four lay-delegates. Five ministers were received and one ordained at later services, making the Roll of Synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

	MINISTERS.	Ordained	Entered Synod	LAY DELEGATES	PARISHES
1	G. H. Trabert, D.D.	1870	1898	James Nelson	Salem.....Minneapolis, Minn.
2	W. K. Frick, D.D.	1872	1891	Raymond Frick	Redeemer.....Milwaukee, Wis.
3	J. Sander, L.H.D.	1880	1910	L. J. Andrews	Trinity .....Lindstrom, Minn.
4	A. J. D. Haupt, D.D.	1884	1910	Julius E. Nelson	Salem.....Albert Lea, Minn.
5	James F. Beates	1884	1909	J. Selmer Nelson***	Trinity.....St. Paul, Minn.
6	George H. Schnur	1886	1907		Reformation...St. Paul, Minn.
7	H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	Theo. G. Martin†	Grace.....Kenosha, Wis.
8	W. F. Bacher	1889	1908		Reformation...St. Paul, Minn.
9	F. W. Klingensmith	1894	1909		Redeemer...Livingston, Mont.
10	C. P. Weiskotten	1894	1911	Herman Dochades†	St. Paul's.....Waterloo, Wis.
11	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.	1896	1905	Christian Jacobson	St. John's..Minneapolis, Minn.
12	Isaiah Whitman	1896	1908 1912	Otto W. Kohlshorn***	St. Paul's....Red Wing, Minn.
13	Wm. S. Ulrich	1899	1908	Hon. A. G. Hanson*	St. Mark's.....Fargo, N. Dak.
14	F. E. Cooper	1899	1912	W. C. Gauger*	Lake Park....Milwaukee, Wis.
15	A. C. Peterson*	1900	1900		.....Without Charge.
16	T. F. Weiskotten*	1900	1909	F. J. Schuette††	Advent.....Cedarburg, Wis.
17	P. E. Baisler	1901	1901		First English..Winnipeg, Man.
18	Wm. Eckert	1901	1905		Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.
19	L. F. Gruber	1901	1908		St. Mark's..Minneapolis, Minn.
20	Willis Beck*	1902	1905	Anton Johnson*	Goodhue Par., Zumbrota, Minn.
21	W. F. Rex	1902	1910		Atonement.....Racine, Wis.
22	P. W. Roth	1903	1912		Deac. M. H. & Hos., Milw., Wis.
23	W. P. Christy.*	1904	1904	Chas. Fleischer	Holy Trinity....La Crosse, Wis.
24	L. W. Steckel	1904	1909	W. B. Hall*	First English..Platteville, Wis.
25	W. H. Gable	1905	1905	Roy Plaint	Holy Trinity....Superior, Wis.
26	G. Keller Rubrecht	1905	1905	Geo. Hemsing †	Epiphany.....Milwaukee, Wis.
27	Paul H. Roth	1906	1906		Atonement.....Beloit, Wis.
28	H. R. Gold**	1907	1907	C. A. Rowley	Madison-Middleton Par...Wis.
29	Luther B. Deck	1908	1908		Holy Trinity..Minneap., Minn.
30	A. J. Holl*	1908	1911	F. W. Genz	Reformation..Milwaukee, Wis.
31	J. E. Shewell	1910	1910	C. J. Rehfuss	St. John's.....Duluth, Minn.
32	E. O. Hoffmeister	1910	1911	J. K. Jensen	St. Peter's.....Janesville, Wis.
33	Wm. C. Stump	1910	1912	W. F. Sternitzky	St. John's.....Oshkosh, Wis.
34	Carroll J. Rockey	1911	1911	Joseph Samuelson	Redeemer..Minneapolis, Minn.
35	John F. Fedders	1911	1912		Madison-Middleton Par...Wis.
36	Grover H. Rapps	1912	1912	A. L. Hanson*	N. St. Paul & Stacy Par., Minn.
37					Holy Commun., Minplis., Minn.
38					Holy Trinity.....Afton, Wis.

* Excused from all sessions.
** Excused Wednesday and Thursday.
*** Excused Thursday and Friday.
† Excused Friday.
†† Excused Tuesday and Wednesday.

THE ROLL SHOWS

36 Ministers; 31 present.
24 Lay Del.; 19 present.
38 Congregations.

Rev. Geo. H. Schnur presented the

REPORT OF THE LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

We recommend the following:

I. That the above program for the meetings of this convention be adopted and printed in the minutes.

II. That the Liturgical Committee be authorized to select a musical setting for such services of Synod which are limited in attendance to the members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SCHNUR.
LUTHER B. DECK.
P. H. ROTH.

Item 1 was adopted and item 2 was referred for action under new business. See Sixth Session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the printed program for Synod be accepted with the additions made by the Liturgical Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Revs. Geo. P. Kabele, Chicago; Ernst Lack, Platteville; F. E. Cooper, Milwaukee; J. F. Fedders, Madison; Wm. C. Stump, Oshkosh; Candidate Grover C. Rapps, N. St. Paul, and Student F. R. Webber, Neenah, Wis., be granted the privileges of the floor.

The President, the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., presented his official report covering the period from Dec. 8, 1911, when he was elected by the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. A. J. Reichert, who removed from the bounds of Synod.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

It becomes my duty at this time and place to render to you a brief report. It will be only a part of the President's report for the past year for reasons known to members of Synod. We hope to have the other part from the former President, the Rev. A. J. Reichert, whose unexpired term, caused by his removal to Lancaster, I am trying to fill.

However, based on personal visits and official letters from nearly all the brethren, I am able to report some things that may be of interest and information to the delegates assembled in annual convention.

We are at Platteville, Wis. This congregation is just celebrating the tenth anniversary of its founding. It has had an excellent growth and is in a flourishing condition and is fast moving into the front ranks of Synod. We congratulate the First English Lutheran Church of Platteville, and her esteemed Pastor, and wish them unbounded success and a rich measure of God's grace. It is a pleasure for Synod to meet in this congregation and visit this prosperous section of the great Lutheran state of Wisconsin.

As a Synod, during the past year we have enjoyed the blessings of a merciful God. The general condition is good. Numerically we have increased. Spiritually, we have grown in grace and become rooted in humility and love. According to the reports of pastors the services have been well attended and the sacrament of the altar received by greater numbers than ever. A number have complained of the small attendance at evening services. The reason for this the brethren find in the summer attractions of the parks, lakes and other places of amusement. Truly it is to be regretted that so many of our otherwise good church people allow these worldly pleasures, innocent and harmless in themselves, to crowd out the Sunday service and soul communion with God. We realize, however, that people working in office or factory six days a week must, for the sake of health, have some outdoor recreation. For us to strike a happy medium and educate the personal conscience is probably the very best.

Our Synod is comparatively small but holds a unique position and covers a large field. From Livingston, Mon., and Winnipeg, Man., to Platteville is a great distance. The three states, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota are particularly ours; and no one can deny but that they are great Lutheran states. All three are ripe for Lutheranism in English—Wisconsin possibly overripe, as witness the condition in the great Fox River valley.

All things considered, we are practically a missionary Synod. Last year we received about seven thousand dollars from the Home Mission Board. Under the unification plan we as a Synod neither can nor are we permitted to take up any new fields; it is all in the power and wisdom of the Board. Whether in the long run this system is the best we do not know. There is a lack of home mission interest among our people; it must be remedied some way or other.

Visitations

On January 24 I visited the pastor and Council of St. John's, Duluth, and conferred concerning the condition of the church and the advisability of beginning a new church in another part of the city. It is evident that the sooner such a congregation is organized the better. Half of the population of Duluth is Lutheran, and after thirty years of work only one Lutheran church doing work in the language of the land. It really is appalling to our church sense and spiritual nature.

January 25 I had the pleasure to attend the annual meeting of the Holy Trinity Church, Superior, Wis., the Rev. W. H. Gable, pastor. The many reports read were very encouraging. The work is progress-

ing nicely. The new church is a grand tribute to the untiring efforts of an energetic pastor and devoted people. At this meeting I baptized George Harmon, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Gable. May God's blessing abide with child and parents.

February 18 I exchanged pulpits with the Rev. James F. Beates, and preached to the people of Holy Trinity, St. Paul. The occasion being the first Sunday after the re-opening of the church, which had undergone various improvements. A new roof had been put on; inside decorated very artistically; new altar railing, etc., at a cost of over $500.00. In addition to this they have paid off $1,000.00 on the debt and raised the pastor's salary $120.00.

March 13th I visited St. John's, Oshkosh, where Rev. W. C. Stump is doing heroic work. They have purchased an ideal location for a new church site. At the evening service the little church was overcrowded. Complimenting the pastor on the large attendance, he replied, "they always come that way." Very encouraging.

The day after, pastors, choir from St. John's, and many of the people took train for Neenah, where the first English Lutheran service was held in a Free Norwegian Lutheran church, crowded to the doors. After the service a short business session was held and about forty adults expressed a desire to have an English Lutheran church organized at once. It has been done. Student F. R. Webber, of our Chicago Seminary, is on the field and doing excellent work.

Conventions.

February 6-7, together with the Rev. Howard R. Gold, I attended the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Conference of Church Workers in State Universities, held at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, with headquarters in the Senate Chamber, Old Capitol. Deeply interested in this work I was naturally greatly pleased to find what I did, such conservatism and genuine devotion to the work. Some of the addresses delivered were masterpieces. Dr. C. E. Seashore, Dean of the Graduate College, a good Lutheran alumnus of Gustavus Adolphus, was on the program, as was Rev. H. R. Gold, of Madison, who spoke on "How to reach the Student during the first four weeks of his University Life". It was a great convention, long to be remembered. More interest in this work ought to be taken by our Church at large. I believe it is the most paying work the Church can do. Instead of expending thousands and thousands of dollars in college equipments we have here all things ready for the student. All we need do is to lead him, interest him in church and religion, add to what the state and we as taxpayers are already doing. We must get interested in this work and take part heroically.

April 18th it was my pleasure to visit the Eastern Conference, assembled in the beautiful "Church of the Advent", Cedarburg, Rev. Theo. F. Weiskotten, pastor. The spirit of the Eastern Conference is aggressive and truly Lutheran. The brethren had an excellent meeting. Some of the papers read were declared by common consent to be classic in style and Lutheran in spirit, which makes a very good combination.

Consecration.

March 24th I attended the consecration services of St. Mark's, Fargo. It was a beautiful day and great masses of people had assembled. To show how others see us permit me to quote a paragraph from the Minn. Stats Tidning, the official organ of the Minn. Conference of the Augustana Synod, written by the good old veteran, Rev. J. O. Cavallin, who has been engaged in church work in and around Fargo and Moorhead longer than any other Lutheran pastor and who attended the consecration service:

"Again at home after a trip to Barnes Co., N. D., and Roberts Co., S. D., during which I was permitted to be present at a very imposing festival in the English Lutheran church at Fargo, Sunday March 24. Many of the readers of this organ know that there is such a congregation in Fargo, over twenty-five years old. The clear-sighted and long-ago deceased Dr. Passavant was the moving power in the organization of this church, and the first pastor sent here from the East was an elderly, pious ex-professor Ulery. After him came the well known Dr. Gerberding, who for a few years served the congregation with good results. When he left there was a small parsonage and an insignificant frame church. Gerberding left eighteen years ago and accepted a professor's chair at the Chicago Theological Seminary and was followed by younger men. The present pastor is the Rev. W. S. Ulrich. Under his leadership the congregation has advanced greatly and on the 24th occurred the consecration of the new church, the largest and costliest Lutheran church in the city. The congregation belongs to the English Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, and the dedicatory address was delivered by its President, the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., of Minneapolis. Dr. Gerberding, of Chicago, Dr. Kunzmann, of Philadelphia, Rev. Grunden, of Fargo, and the Reverends Bostrom and Peterson, of Moorhead, sat in the chancel, and the writer, together with a couple other Lutheran pastors, sat in the audience. The church is constructed of brick and has a seating capacity of over 800, and is complete outside and within, with a bell in the tower, and costs in the neighborhood of $24,000.00. There was a debt of $8,000.00, which was reduced by $2,000.00 on consecration day. During the festivities the church was packed, chairs had to be brought in and placed in the aisles. Over a thousand persons were present. This congregation consists of Norwegians, Swedes, Germans, Americans, and their children; which nationality is strongest I do not know. [Norwegian.] Here we have a strong argument for what the future will bring; for the language of the land is the best understood language of the young people; to deny this shows proof of weak powers of observation. The foreign tongues will still live long in many of our congregations, but woe unto us if we stick to foreign tongues and thereby force the children to go to non-Lutheran denominations."

Pastoral Changes.

Red Wing. Early in October the pastor of St. Paul's, and President of the Synod, received a call from Christ Church, Lancaster. He resigned and accepted the call. He was given a letter of transfer

to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. Jan. 19th, 1912, the Rev. Isaiah Whitman, of Hillsboro, Ind., was called and to the gratification of congregation and Synod he accepted and is already on the field, having preached his first sermon on Easter Day. The Rev. Whitman is not a stranger to us, having served churches within Synod as a student and is personally known to many of our pastors.

In the person of Rev. A. J. Reichert, Synod lost a successful pastor, a good brother, an able, diplomatic and watchful President. May his fortunes be equally bright in his new Synodical relations, and may God's blessing rest on him and his family.

North St. Paul. On January 14th the Rev. R. A. Helms sent in his resignation to the Council of St. Mark's, said resignation to take effect April 1, 1912. A letter of dismissal to the Synod of Northern Illinois was issued to him May 18th. Your President had received, through Drs. Frick and Weidner, many good reports concerning a young brother in the graduating class of our Seminary and has corresponded with him for some time concerning this field. To make sure I made a trip to Maywood on the 27th of February and personally advised with the young student with the result that he promised to accept should he be called. He was called and is already on the ground. The friend's name is Grover H. Rapps. Mr. Rapps asks to be ordained at this meeting of the Synod. He is a child of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Dr. Frick, pastor; and is the first candidate from the Eastern Conference, the first reared from childhood in our Synod, being confirmed by Dr. Frick in the Church of the Redeemer, educated at the state's own University at Madison and trained theologically at our own Seminary at Chicago. He is a true Western man and will serve us well in our North St. Paul and Stacy Parish.

On May 18 I issued a letter of dismissal to the Rev. Frank E. Jensen, the General Secretary of the Seminary, to the President of the New York and New England Synod. We are sorry to see Rev. Jensen leave our Synod within which he has labored successfully since his ordination in 1897.

We wish all these brethren success in their new fields, and may God's grace be abundant in their lives.

Finances.

We are behind on our apportionment. The exact figures will be found when the Treasurer's report is read. It seems to me we should at this meeting of Synod make a careful study of our whole financial situation, in order to ascertain the facts and remedy them. Our apportionment must be too high, or poverty exists among our members, or an unpardonable amount of carelessness exists. Some congregations come up to the mark annually, others not. In order to be fair, and as a Synod not to be disgraced in the eyes of other Synods or the General Council, I recommend a thorough investigation. At last meeting of Synod the following item was referred to this meeting for consideration: "Resolved, That we recommend to each congregation the adoption of the duplex system of weekly offer-

ings for the missionary and benevolent operations of Synod". Such a recommendation has been made by the Home Mission Board at its last meeting, which applies to those congregations which receive financial aid from the Board.

The Lutheran.

Being a missionary Synod we naturally feel the great need of a good church paper; that we have such a one in "The Lutheran", the official paper of the General Council, we all know. But the paper must not only be published but circulated and read. We have an excellent editorial staff, and all we need do is to see to the circulation of the same. Dr. Hunton writes me, among other things, that our "Synod is to be congratulated on the fact that its average circulation of the official paper of the church is probably the highest of any Synod in the General Council, and you have in your bounds the congregation which I think to-day stands second in the ratio of papers to church membership". In connection with this I might put in a word for "Young Folks" for the Sunday School. It is now enlarged and in every respect equal to any similar paper of any other denomination, and in price averages five cents per year less. Its tone is positively Lutheran and distinctive of our own church work. In an age of the daily non-religious—often anti-religious press—it is encouraging to be able to put before our people such papers as the two mentioned.

Requests.

From the Kropp Commission we have received a request for an appropriation of $50.00. I would recommend the request be granted.

From the Board of Education of the General Council we have received a communication. I would recommend that some definite action be taken.

From the Jewish Mission Committee of the General Council a request for an annual appropriation of $100.00 has been received.

State of the Churches.

Besides what has already been reported from certain congregations a few facts of interest may be mentioned. For sake of brevity it is impossible to report everything. Lengthy letters have been received in which the work has been reported in detail for the benefit of the President.

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, celebrated on the 26th of May the tenth anniversary of its founding. Dr. G. H. Trabert preached the anniversary sermon.

Redeemer, Minneapolis, has painted and reshingled its church. Interior has been repaired; a high altar installed; an organ purchased. It voluntarily reduced by $100.00 the appropriation from the Home Mission Board, and also raised the pastor's salary; it has paid more than double its apportionment.

Reformation, St. Paul, has sold the old Memorial property for $25,000. The Church Council has been appointed a building commit-

tee and is now busy securing plans and specifications for the new building. They expect to break ground during the summer.

Trinity, Lindstrom, is fast paying off the old debt. The congregation does it in installments of $1,000.00 and $500.00.

Stacy, Minn. Mr. E. C. Waller has paid $25.00 on the note to Synod. This money is in the hands of President of Synod ready to be used as Synod prescribes.

Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, is in the best condition in its history. Raised pastor's salary. $1,200.00 on Church Extession loan will be paid next Easter. Pledges being taken now.

Holy Communion (Seven Oaks), Sunday School is growing rapidly; just raised and paid $150.00 on floating debt. Need local pastor or Field Missionary.

Zumbrota, Minn., congregation is soon to build a church for some seven or eight thousand dollars. Over $5,000.00 has already been subscribed. Plans are now in the hands of the building committee and in a few days the contract will be let.

Salem, Albert Lea, has added twenty-two communicants during the year. A Sunday School library has been opened. Sunday School has an enrollment of 102. A flourishing cradle roll and home department are maintained. A mission society has been organized and meets twice a month. The boys of the church have been organized into the Knights of Wartburg. On Sunday, May 5th, the congregation celebrated its fifth anniversary. There were forty-six charter members, forty of whom are still on the roll. Five years ago the congregation was paying rent, now it owns a $4,000.00 property, with some debt.

Redeemer, Milwaukee, is dismissing members to other congregations and is still increasing in numbers. The Sunday School is progressing. The new church lot is on the finest block of the finest street—Grand Avenue and Nineteenth Street. The congregation has paid more than the full apportionment and not a penny of this was made "by fairs, festivals, suppers, apron sales, or any buying and selling."

Epiphany, Milwaukee, prides itself still on having the largest Sunday School in the city.. Commendable progress in all lines.

Holy Communion, Racine, reports everything moving along nicely. Has renovated the interior of the church at a cost of $400.00. Are now looking for a parsonage site.

Grace, Kenosha, *St. Peter's*, Janesville, and *Waterloo* are all progressing nicely. They are active in all lines of church work.

Madison and Middleton are active. The former has secured property at a cost of $15,500.00—a good brick house, a shop and a small barn on a lot 96x85 on University Avenue and Lake Street, two blocks from the campus.

Livingston, Mon., congregation is hard at work getting new church under way. Work on a $15,000.00 building to begin July 1st. Have over-paid apportionment nearly fifty per cent.

Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, reports Sunday School and Women's Society well organized; progress along all lines.

Atonement, Beloit, reports progress and expects to complete new church this summer.

First English, Winnipeg, has since last meeting of Synod removed three houses from its new site to lots purchased further out. These houses they now rent out. A church, 46x90, constructed of stone and brick has been erected on two of the lots, the third being reserved for a parsonage. The church auditorium is ready for plastering and finishing, while the basement and exterior are completed. To cost about $35,000.00. The Rev. Baisler has visited many places in the great provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It is a vast empire, with thousands and thousands of our people without a church.

Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, Rev. Cooper, pastor, broke ground May 6th for a $30,000 building, which will be located at Park Place and Stowell Avenue, in the finest residence district of the city.

Atonement, Racine, observed the third anniversary of the founding of the congregation on May 26th. Pastor Rex is doing aggressive work.

And now may we experience the guiding hand of God, that all our deliberations be to His glory and the good of mankind; and our reward will come for "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY F. ELMQUIST.

PLATTEVILLE, WIS., June 4, 1912.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The Secretary was instructed to write former President Rev. A. J. Reichert for a report, covering his term of office during the past synodical year, and insert same in the Minutes of Synod.

President Reichert's report is as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

I herewith submit my report as President of Synod for the first half of the Synodical year at the close of which my resignation took effect, Dec. 21, 1911.

LETTERS OF TRANSFER.

The Rev. John Keehley, having accepted a call from the newly organized mission at Buffalo, N. Y., was granted a letter of transfer to the New York and New England Synod.

The Rev. C. B. Lindtwed, having accepted a call from the congregation at Jersey Shore, Pa., was granted a letter of transfer to Pennsylvania Ministerium.

INSTALLATIONS.

The Rev. C. P. Weiskotten was installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Waterloo, Wis., Sept. 20, 1911, by the Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

The Rev. Frederick E. Cooper was installed as pastor of Lake Park Church, Milwaukee, Nov. 26, 1911, by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

The Rev. W. C. Stump was installed as pastor of St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis., Nov. 28, 1911, by Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D.

CORNERSTONE LAYING.

On October 30, 1911, the cornerstone of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, was laid by the pastor, assisted by the president of Synod who delivered the address, and Prof. R. Marteinsson.

In closing this brief report I wish to express to the brethren of Synod my deep appreciation for the good will and courtesies shown me as president of Synod and fellow-worker. May the Lord richly bless the work of the Synod of the Northwest.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT J. REICHERT.

Mr. J. K. Jensen presented the

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

In account with the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest..

MAY 20, 1911, to MAY 1, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.	$ 59.07
Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	94.11
Atonement, Racine, Wis.	62.02
English, Cannon Falls, Minn.	27.68
Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	273.09
First Church, Middleton, Wis.	12.76
First Church, Platteville, Wis.	136.17
First Church, Winnipeg, Man.	76.13
Grace, Kenosha, Wis.	110.36
Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn.	41.29
Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	466.12
Holy Trinity, Afton, Wis.	3.10
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	94.00
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.	32.31
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.	272.43
Holy Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	251.46
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	56.75
Lake Park, Milwaukee, Wis.	5.00
Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.	97.87
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	732.12
Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minn.	197.44

Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn	37.35
Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis	198.27
Reformation, St. Paul, Minn	523.71
Salem, Albert Lea, Minn	104.00
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn	564.97
St. John's, Duluth, Minn	15.00
St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn	507.76
St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis	59.00
St John's, Stacy, Minn	41.65
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn	49.52
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D	219.00
St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn	358.72
St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn	7.82
St. Paul's, Waterloo, Wis	54.00
St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis	264.17
Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn	37.23
Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee, Wis	12.08
Woman's Home and Foreign Miss. Soc. Cent. Conf	19.00
Sister Martha Gensike, Oshkosh, Wis	15.00
Received from Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., found on floor of General Council	5.00
Balance, 1911, Ministerial Education Fund	284.67
Balance, 1911, Current Expense Fund	18.87
Balance, 1911, Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund	70.00
Balance, 1911, Home Missions Fund	47.89
	$6,616.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical Current Expenses	$ 562.12
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	202.42
Ministerial Education	125.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	1,061.50
General Council Home Missions	1,945.62
General Council Church Extension	799.01
General Council Foreign Missions	838.49
General Council Porto Rico Missions	351.77
General Council Slav Missions	130.79
General Council University Students Work	194.17
Orphans, Vasa	17.00
Kurdistan Missions	10.00
Balance Synodical Current Expense Fund	42.25
Balance Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expense Fund	109.75
Balance Ministerial Education Fund	226.67
	$6,616.56

Detailed Statement Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses.

RECEIPTS.

Old balance	$ 70.60
Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.	10.07
Atonement, Racine, Wis.	.34
English, Cannon Falls, Minn.	9.49
Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	22.09
First English, Platteville, Wis.	4.67
Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.	14.12
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.	9.43
Holy Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.	13.10
Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.	8.17
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	17.18
Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minn.	10.51
Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn.	8.46
Reformation, St. Paul, Minn.	2.28
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	48.37
St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.	36.76
St. John's, Stacy, Minn.	3.65
St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.	22.88
	$ 312.17

DISBURSEMENTS.

Advent, Cedarburg, Wis.	$ 13.41
Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	31.53
First Church, Winnipeg, Man.	17.13
Grace, Kenosha, Wis.	15.20
Holy Communion, Minneapolis, Minn.	4.92
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	9.42
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.	10.21
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	8.96
Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minn.	8.09
Reformation, Milwaukee, Wis.	10.56
Salem, Albert Lea, Minn.	15.71
St. John's, Oshkosh, Wis.	5.80
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	10.66
St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.	2.09
St. Paul's, Waterloo, Wis.	15.46
St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.	21.72
Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.	1.55
Balance	109.75
	$ 312.17

Amounts Due from Congregations 1911.

Holy Trinity, Afton, Wis	$ 2.92
Reformation, St. Paul, Minn	44.68
St. John's, Duluth, Minn	1.70
	$ 49.30

Detailed Statement Synodical Current Expenses.

RECEIPTS.

Old balance	$ 18.87
Total receipts	585.50
	$ 604.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

President's expenses, traveling, etc	$ 79.84
Secretary, salary	12.00
Treasurer's expenses, postage	5.00
Traveling expenses delegates to General Council	150 47
Traveling expenses Executive Committee	38.42
Printing	176.39
Apportionment for General Council expenses	100.00
Balance	42.25
	$ 604.37

I am in receipt of a letter from the Rev. W. E Bauer, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., who is the Secretary of the Jewish Mission Committee of the General Council, in which he advises that our Synod is apportioned $100 for Jewish Missions. He requests "that this matter be brought to the attention of the Synod and that we co-operate fully in this needed work." As you will note from the Minutes of 1911 our apportionment table makes no provision for Jewish Missions. During 1910-11 Synod paid $69.98 to this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. JENSEN,
Secretary.

June 3, 1912.

Detailed Statement of Congregations' Contributions, Synodical Year, 1911-12.

NAME.	Curr't Exp.	Traveling Exp'se.	Church Extension	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns	Porto Rico Miss'ns	Slav Miss'ns	Ministerial Educ.	Chic'go Seminary	Univ. Stud'nt Work	Orphans	Kurdistan Miss'ns	Totals
St. John's, Minneapolis	$50 00	$36 76	$52 00	$154 00	$62 00	$31 00	$8 00	$6 00	$93 00	$15 00			$507 76
Reformation, St. Paul	28 00	2 28	70 00	183 72	69 15	42 06	4 00	3 00	100 50	21 00			523 71
Holy Trinity, St. Paul	29 00	13 10	30 92	90 00	36 00	18 00	4 00	4 00	17 44	9 00			251 46
St. Paul's, Red Wing													
Salem, Minneapolis	51 00	48 37	57 00	158 00	73 00	33 60	15 00	6 00	95 00	16 00	12 00		564 97
St. John's, Duluth			15 00										15 00
St. Mark's, No. St. Paul	5 50			2 32									7 82
St. Luke's, Goodhue	12 00		12 00	14 75	6 00	2 77	2 00						49 52
English, Cannon Falls	8 00	9 49	3 00	4 74	2 45								27 68
Redeemer, Zumbrota	8 00	8 46	3 00	14 10	2 00	1 00	79						37 35
Trinity, Lindstrom	19 00			14 23	4 00								37 23
St. John's, Stacy	3 00	3 65	3 00	14 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 00	1 00			41 65
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	36 00	22 88	38 00	127 00	49 84	25 00	6 00	4 00	38 00	12 00			358 72
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	25 00	9 43	25 00	77 00	60 00	15 00	4 00	3 00	46 00	8 00			272 43
Salem, Albert Lea	11 00		11 00	33 00	13 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	23 00	3 00			104 00
Holy Communion, Minneapolis	4 00		4 00	14 29	5 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	7 00	1 00			41 29
Redeemer, Minneapolis	9 00	10 51	42 10	45 28	27 50	12 71	3 00	1 00	80 17	16 17			197 44
Redeemer, Milwaukee	56 00	17 18	90 74	240 00	83 20	52 00	33 00	15 00	128 00	17 00			732 12
Holy Communion, Racine		14 12	57 00	168 00	67 00	34 00	8 00		101 00	17 00			466 12
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	19 00		20 00				10 00		35 00			10 00	94 00
Grace, Kenosha			31 00	35 07	16 54				18 75	9 00			110 36
First English, Platteville	23 00	4 67	8 12		15 00	6 88	4 00		67 50	7 00			136 17
St. Peter's, Janesville	20 00		21 00	62 00	71 67	12 00	3 00	2 00	66 50	6 00			264 17
Advent, Cedarburg	9 00	10 07	9 00	28 00						3 00			59 07
Epiphany, Milwaukee	56 00	22 09	20 00	75 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	3 00	49 00	13 00			273 09
Atonement, Beloit	12 00		13 00	16 50	8 61	8 00	2 00	2 00	28 00	4 00			94 11
Holy Trinity, Superior	5 00		10 00	31 00	5 00	3 75	2 00						56 75
Holy Trinity, Madison			10 00	13 55	8 76								32 31
St. Paul's, Waterloo	5 00		5 00	16 00	15 00			1 00	10 00	2 00			54 00
St. John's, Oshkosh			14 00	15 00				2 00	24 00	4 00			59 00
Resormation, Milwaukee	31 00		33 00	67 71	30 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	17 56	5 00			198 27
First English, Middleton	3 00		3 00	4 61	2 15								12 76
Holy Trinity, Afton				3 10									3 10
Atonement, Racine		34	15 00	31 68	15 00								62 02
Lake Park, Milwaukee									5 00				5 00
St. Mark's, Fargo	33 00		34 00	101 00	30 00		5 00	4 00	12 00				219 00
Redeemer, Livingston	7 00	8 17	25 00	22 58	9 12	4 00	1 00	1 00	13 00	2 00	5 00		97 87
First English, Winnepeg	8 00		14 13	18 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	15 00	3 00			76 13
W. H. & F. M. Soc., C. Conf						19 00							19 00
Deaconess Motherhouse, Milwaukee									12 08				12 08
	$585 50	$241 57	$799 01	$1895 23	$820 99	$351 77	$130 79	$67 00	$1061 50	$194 07	$17 00	$10 00	$6174 53

The report was accepted and referred to an Auditing Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Ministerium meet immediately after the regular session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed as tellers the Revs. Howard R. Gold and Luther B. Deck.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D.
Secretary—Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.
Treasurer—Mr. J. K. Jensen.

Adjourned, with prayer by Dr. A. J. D. Haupt and the President pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. Dr. A. J. D. Haupt conducted the Matin Service. The Roll was called and the Minutes read and approved.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Ministerium the following pastors were received into Synod:

Rev. John F. Fedders.
Rev. Frederick E. Cooper.
Rev. Wm. C. Stump.
Rev. Isaiah Whitman.

The brethren were formally presented by the Rev. Dr. W. K. Frick, and heartily welcomed by the President.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That permission be granted to the Rev. F. W. Klingensmith to present the missionary situation in the state of Montana after the afternoon's session.

The Secretary read a letter and greetings from the Rev. Earnest Anton Trabert, fraternal delegate of the Pittsburgh

Synod to the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. S. Ulrich be appointed fraternal delegate to the Pittsburg Synod, and that he be excused from further sessions of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Revs. W. K. Frick, D. D., and A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., form a committee to telegraph greetings to all General Council Synods now in session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to former President Reichert and Secretary Christy for efficient services rendered.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The President announced the following

COMMITTEES.

President's Report—The Revs. Geo. H. Schnur, Luther B. Deck, Paul H. Roth and Messrs. Raymond Frick and Walter Sternitzky.

Conferences—The Revs. George L. Trabert, D.D., A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., W. K. Frick, D. D., H. K. Gebhart, Wm. Eckert and Messrs. E. O. Doschades, A. L. Hanson and F. W. Genz.

Auditing—Messrs. J. E. Nelson, Geo. Hemsing, L. J. Andrews and Chas. Fleischer.

Apportionment—The Revs. H. R. Gold, J. E. Shewell, P. E. Balsler and Messrs. Christian Jacobson and Roy Plain.

Reception of Congregations—The Revs. W. F. Bacher, James F. Beates, J. Sander, L. H. D., and Mr. C. E. Rowley.

Excuse—The Revs. Wm. S. Ulrich, F. W. Klingensmith, C. P. Weiskotten and Messrs. R. J. Samuelson and Otto Kolshorn.

Press—Local, Rev. W. L. Steckel; "The Lutheran", Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.; "The Home Missionary", Rev. L. F. Gruber.

Protocol and Printed Minutes—The Revs. Wm. H. Gable and E. O. Hoffmeister.

REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Since last reporting to Synod, two meetings were held.

At the meeting in Fargo all the old officers were again elected: Dr. Elmquist, President; Rev. Beck, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. O E. Adler, member of the Executive Committee of Synod.

The Fall Convention was held in St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Rev. R. A. Helms, pastor, October 24, 25. The President reported all congregations supplied with pastors and in flourishing condition, financially and numerically. He gave extensive statistics showing how other denominations are losing ground and how rapidly our Church is gaining. Minnesota is one of the best states in the Union for Lutheranism, but our Synod has not one single Missionary on this field. In accordance with the President's recommendation a committee was instructed to investigate as to what work is being done by our University pastor among the students of the University of Minnesota. The Federation Plan of the General Council for the Women's Missionary Societies was approved.

Drs. Kunzmann, Ramer, and Rev. Luther Hogshead were present at this session, and were given the time Tuesday evening to address Conference on their subjects bearing on Home Mission problems. Other topics on the the program were: Augsburg Confession, Article XIII; The Church as a Spiritual Institution; What Constitutes Loyalty to the Church; Our Position in General Inter-denominational Movements; Our Publications and their Use; Chief Problems for the Modern Church; Important Things Gleaned from the late General Council. The afternoon and evening of the last day were given to Sunday School sessions at which were presented these subjects: How to Develop the Cradle Roll and Home Departments; How to Develop the Adult Bible Class Department; The Teacher's Work; The Place of the Sunday School in Relation to Education; The Place of the Sunday School in Missionary Work.

Signed,

President, A. F. Elmquist.
Secretary, Willis Beck.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Conferences.

REPORT OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

To the English Evan. Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

The officers of the Eastern Conference of the Synod of the Northwest beg leave to submit the following report:

Three regular meetings were held since the last report to Synod was made.

At Fargo, N. Dak., June 23, 1912, the following officers were elected: Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Pres.; Rev. L. W. Steckel, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. T. Evjen, member of Synodical Executive Committee. The following were elected the Conference Missionary Committee: Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. W. P. Christy. Conference appropriated $20.00 to the student work at Madison, Wis.

The Fall Convention was held in La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 16-19, 1911.

The opening sermon was preached by the President of Conference on Monday evening and the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Tuesday

was Sunday School Day; Wednesday, Woman's Missionary Day, and Thursday, Conference proper. The President in his semi-annual report gave a general survey of the work of Conference, and noted the general state and progress of the parishes within its bounds. A plan was adopted for the holding of Sunday School institutes where local schools desired them.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Whereas*, The development and success of our English Lutheran Church in this state depended so much upon the efforts, zeal and labors of the Rev. A. C. Anda, and

Whereas, Bro. Anda is no longer with us in an official capacity; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we express by a rising vote our deep appreciation and indebtedness to him for the great work accomplished in our state."

Conference also tendered its greetings and best wishes to the Rev. Luther Hogshead, the new western District Superintendent of Home Missions.

The following papers and addresses were presented:

"The New Birth and Man's Moral Transformation."
"The Men and Religion Forward Movement."
"The Social Life of the Church."

Conference was addressed by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., on "The Recent Convention of the General Council."

The Spring Convention of Conference was held in the Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wis., Rev. T. F. Weiskotten, pastor, April 16, 1912. The Communion Sermon was preached by Rev. F. E. Cooper. The President in his report called attention to the work and progress of the student work in Madison and the development of the work in Lake Park, Milwaukee. The new work at Neenah and Menasha was brought to the notice of Conference. A petition was presented to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin, asking them to take a religious census of all students entering the University. A committee was appointed to draft forms of service for the reception of members other than by Confirmation and Adult Baptism, and for the Burial of the Dead such as are not covered by the services in the Church Book.

The following subjects were on the program: "The Formula for Infant Baptism," "The Duties of Sponsors in Infant Baptism," "The Problem of Original Sin," "Divine and Human Agencies in Regeneration," "Christian Ethics,: 1. In the Home. 2. In the State. 3. In the Church."

Conference was addressed at the evening sessions on the following subjects: "Hindrances to the Reception of the Word," "Men and the Church," "The Church and Social Service."

H. K. GEBHART, President.
L. W. STECKEL, Secretary.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Conferences.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reports of Conference Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be referred to the Committee on Conferences.

Synod adjourned. The President pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday, June 5, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. Frederick E. Cooper.

The Roll of Synod was called and the Minutes of the Second Session were read and adopted.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Ministerium the Rev. Paul W. Roth was received into Synod and Mr. Grover Herman Rapps was recommended for ordination.

The brethren were formally presented by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., and were heartily welcomed by the President.

The Rev. H. R. Gold presented the report of the Apportionment Committee which was considered item by item. After much discussion, and a number of changes made by the recommendation of Synod, the report was adopted in the following form:

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Apportionments begs to report as follows:

Synodical expenses	$ 400.00
Traveling expenses	540.71
Chicago Seminary	1,500.00
Ministerial Education	200.00
Home Missions	2,500.00
Church Extension	850.00
Foreign Missions	1,200.00
Porto Rico Missions	500.00
Slav Missions	200.00
University Student Work	500.00

German Home Missions	50.00
Jewish Missions	100.00
Total	$8,540.71

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD R. GOLD.
J. E. SHEWELL.
P. E. BAISLER.
C. JACOBSON.
ROY PLAIN.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor be extended to the Rev. G. H. Gerberding, D. D., of Chicago.

Dr. Gerberding presented the cause of the Chicago Theological Seminary and made an earnest appeal for more men for the ministry.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the time for business be extended to 4 p. m.

A paper on "Our Position with Reference to the Religious Movements of the Day" was read by the Rev. J. E. Shewell.

The Rev. F. W. Klingensmith addressed Synod on the missionary situation in Montana.

After the singing of Hymn 493 Synod adjourned, the Rev. Wm. Eckert leading in prayer and the President pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, June 6, 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. P. W. Roth conducted the Matin Service.

The Roll was called and the Minutes of the Third Session read and approved.

The Rev. George H. Trabert, D. D., presented the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1911-1912.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

Your Board has had careful watch over the Fund entrusted to its control, and did all in its power, with the aid of your Special Committee, to augment it, by bringing, if possible,, all our pastors and congregations into line. It is very gratifying to note that there has been a more general response than heretofore. The few exceptions that must be noted are such either from force of circumstances or from a lack of knowledge as to the purpose of the fund. Last year we reported $4,057.96 in the treasury, which was invested with the C. A. Smith Timber Company at 6%, for which a demand note was again given.

According to the action of the Synod, and in order to keep the importance of the fund before the minds of pastors and congregations, the Board issued the following circular letter, which was sent to all the pastors before Jan. 1, 1912:

To the Pastors and Congregations of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

In accordance with the resolution of Synod we again call special attention to the fund for "Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers" in our Synod. The rules governing the fund, herewith enclosed, speak for themselves. It should appeal to every pastor and to every congregation as an obligation which should in no wise be neglected, because of the good which it will in due time accomplish. Our Synod has taken the lead in gathering such a fund, and other Synods are adopting our plan to make provision for superannuated ministers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers, as a solemn duty which they owe to those who have spent their strength in the service of the Church. The fund was increased by $1,027.38 last year and now amounts to $4,065.46.

The treasurer of the fund is the Hon. C. A. Smith, 410 Andrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn. Be sure and send in your quota before May 1st, 1912.

A. Holt, President.
G. H. Trabert, Secretary.

The following congregations responded before the Treasurer's books were closed:

First English Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Cannon Falls.
First English Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Winnipeg.
Holy Communion Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Minneapolis.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Minneapolis.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Superior, Wis.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Lindstrom.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, St. Paul.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Stacy.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Minneapolis.
St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Goodhue.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Fargo, N. D.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Minneapolis.
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Red Wing.
St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, North St. Paul.
Salem Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Minneapolis.
Salem Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Albert Lea.
Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.
Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis.
Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota.
Church of the Reformation, St. Paul.

All the congregations, with the exception of North St. Paul, have paid to the close of this Synodical Year, and North St. Paul for 1910-11. The only delinquent congregation in the Central Conference is St. John's, Duluth.

From the Eastern Conference the following congregations have responded:

Church of the Atonement, Beloit.
Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee.
Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee.
Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee.
First Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Platteville.
Grace Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Kenosha.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation, La Crosse.
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation (1910-11) Madison.
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Janesville.
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Oshkosh.
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Waterloo.
First English Evangelical Lutheran congregation, Middleton.

All these congregations, except the first two mentioned and Holy Trinity, Madison, have paid to the close of this Synodical Year. The only other congregation in the Eastern Conference from which nothing has been received this year is Holy Trinity, Afton, which is served in connection with another parish. It is a matter of congratulation that the congregations of the Synod are so generally falling into line in behalf of this Fund, which will be of immense value to the Church in the future.

The following pastors from the Central Conference have paid their quota into the Fund:

Rev. P. E. Baisler,
Rev. Willis Beck,
Rev. James F. Beates,
Rev. Luther B. Deck,
Dr. A. F. Elmquist,
Rev. W. H. Gable,
Rev. L. F. Gruber,
Dr. A. J. D. Haupt,
Rev. R. A. Helms, 1910-1911,
Rev. F. W. Klingensmith,
Rev. C. J. Rockey,
Dr. John Sander,
Rev. G. H. Schnur,
Rev. J. E. Schewell,
Dr. G. H. Trabert,
Rev. W. S. Ulrich.

The following have responded from the Eastern Conference:

Rev. W. P. Christy,
Rev. Wm. Eckert,
Dr. Wm. K. Frick,
Rev. H. K. Gebhart,
Rev. Howard R. Gold (1910-11).
Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister,
Rev. Paul H. Roth,
Rev. G. K. Rubrecht,
Rev. L. W. Steckel,
Rev. Wm. C. Stump,
Rev. Theo. F. Weiskotten (1910-11).
Rev. W. F. Rex,
Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.

This, with one exception, includes all who serve parishes in the Synod to-day. It shows clearly that the object of the fund is being better understood, and that our pastors are alive to its importance.

The whole amount received from congregations during the year was $617.39; from ministers, $191.00. A total of $808.39, which is $390.55 more than during the previous year.

At a meeting of your Board, held April 5, it was resolved to purchase timber bonds, issued by the C. A. Smith Timber Co., drawing 6% interest, and will be redeemed in fifteen years. They are among the very best investments that can be made.

Your Board will again invest the moneys on hand to the very best advantage, for which purpose a meeting will be called immediately at the close of the Synod. Owing to the absence of the Treasurer no meeting could be held immediately before Synod to attend to this matter.

The time for the Directors, the Hon. C. A. Smith and Mr. Fred Swanson, expires with this Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. TRABERT, Secretary.

By authority of the Board.

N. B.—By current expenses (on which the *one per cent* of the contributions of the congregations is based) is meant, all moneys paid out for salaries (pastor, organist, janitor, etc.) fuel, light, taxes, and all the necessary expenses of the congregation. It does not include interest on mortgages or other debts of the congregation.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT OF MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Receipts.

Balance	$ 7.50
Congregations	509.79
Ministers	191.00
Bills received No. 5 C. A. Smith Timber Co	4,057.96
Interest on note and book account	291.97
	$4,968.22

Disbursements.

Printing, Dr. G. H. Trabert	$ 2.25
Bonds, C. A. Smith Timber Co. (6%)	4,500.00
Accrued interest on bonds from Feb. 1, 1912, 68 days at 6%	51.00
Balance on hand	414.97
	$4,968.22

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Smith, Treasurer.

May 31, 1912.

N. B.—In the future address all funds to Hon. C. A. Smith, care Mr. Oscar W. Weibel, 44 Ave. N. and Lyndale, Minneapolis, Minn.

The report was adopted and the financial statement referred to an auditing committee appointed by the Board of Control of the Fund.

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., presented the

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT LANCASTER, PA., SEPTEMBER, 1911.

A delegation of five represented this body at Lancaster. On the basis of the Official Minutes of 1911, the popular Abstract and the eight page "Pamphlet Presenting for Synodical Action Certain Important Matters Favorably Acted Upon at the Council", ready for distribution to-day, we report:

1. The Council Minutes, p. 20, requests an early and prominent place in the order of business for this report and the Council's recommendations. We have arranged to have each item properly presented by a member of the delegation.

2. The General Council, p. 22, desires the setting apart of "a General Council Day in each biennium" "on which the pastors of the congregations present the work of the Council, as well as the neces-

sity of its existence", and take a collection for General Council expenses. "The educational value of such presentation cannot be too strongly emphasized." It must develop a General Council consciousness so necessary in view of the great undertakings attainable alone through a General Body and by united action of the whole mass of its supporters.

3. The appointment of a committee to further securing men for the ministry is urged, p. 135.

4. The Reformation Jubilee in 1917 is being planned for on a large scale, p. 176. It is proposed:

(*a*) To raise Two Million Dollars as an endowment fund, to be held in trust by the General Council for two objects: A Ministerial Pension Fund and a Mission Fund (Home and Foreign).

(*b*) To enlarge the present Committee by the addition of one or more men from each Conference.

(*c*) To devote a year, September, 1914, to September, 1915, to the educational features of the position, to open an executive office September, 1915, to endeavor within ninety days after Jan. 1, 1916, to secure subscriptions from every member of the Church, and to finish collections by October, 1917.

5. The Pension Fund, p. 202, is only partially planned.

6. Especial attention is called to the Apportionments on page 310, inasmuch as, unless they are accepted and the funds raised, the whole machinery stops. The new item concerns University Student Work so vital in the Northwest, on which depends the success of our endeavor to save the rising generation of scholars in state institutions. A small sum has been asked of us for German Home Missions. The annual amounts are made payable between the first of January and June of each year, p. 60, Min. 1909. The expansion of the work of the Council is indicated by the increase of apportionments. We are prepared to show by the work of the several Boards that there is imperative necessity for such increase.

7. As the Patriach Muhlenberg was born Sept. 6, 1711, and the General Council is essentially a resultant of his work, prominence was given to his life and labors.

8. Notable utterances were made by the President and in action on his report touching Religious Education, or rather the lack of it, and the Protestant Episcopal proposition for a World Conference to promote Church Unity, which lies near to every Lutheran's heart though the method proposed is to be scrutinized by a committee.

9. The most notable feature of this Convention was the report of the members of the Joint Commission on Arbitration, held in the chapel of Trinity church during the Convention. As their decisions affect our own territory and assign the states embraced in our Synod to the General Council we recommend that the action taken at Lancaster, as given on pages 244-5, and at the second meeting held at Pittsburgh, page 308, be printed in full at the close of this report.

This action gives us a free hand in the Northwest and lays heavy responsibilities upon us.

10. A Laymen's Conference held the day preceding the Convention wonderfully stirred up the lay delegates and ensured their hearty participation in the larger plans of the Church.

11. A paper of far reaching significance touching The Practical Functions of the General Council, found on pages 222-225, was adopted.

12. The Council advises, page 242, the payment of delegates' expenses, which this Synod does in part.

13. "The Women's Missionary Society of the General Council" was organized at Lancaster just prior to the opening of the Council.

14. The next Convention will be held September 11, 1913, at St. Matthew's Church, Toledo, Ohio

W. K. FRICK.
A. J. REICHERT.
A. F. ELMQUIST.
J. K. JENSEN.

The report was received and considered seriatim.

Under Item 1, it was on motion

Resolved, That Synod adopt a general rule that the Committee on Program give an early and prominent place in the order of business for the hearing of reports from the delegates to the General Council.

Under Item 2, it was on motion

Resolved, That on some Sunday in convenient proximity to the biennial meeting of the General Council, each pastor of this Synod shall make a presentation of the history and work of the General Council to his congregation.

Under Item 3, it was on motion

Resolved, That Synod appoint a standing committee to look into and investigate the causes for the lack of candidates for the ministry, and to propose methods for furthering the securing of men for the ministry.

The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the General Council appointed to meet with a similar committee of the General Synod, to arbitrate certain matters in dispute relative to the interpretation of terms in the compact made by the General Synod and the General Council in 1895 and 1897, as well as to arbitrate such alleged infringements of said compact by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, would respectfully report:

That a meeting of the Commission was held on Monday, September 18, 1911, in the chapel of Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The representatives of the General Synod were as follows: Rev. Dr. M. W. Hamma, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Dr. W. H. Dunbar, Baltimore; Rev. C. F. Steck, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Dr. E. K. Bell, Baltimore; Rev. Dr. J. S. Simon, Hagerstown, Pa.; Rev. Dr. M. S. Cressman, Lewistown, Pa.; Rev. Dr. F. P. Manhart, Selinsgrove, Pa.; Rev. Dr. L. Kuhlman, Gettysburg, Pa.; Judge P. S. Grosscup, Chicago; Mr. Arthur King, Middletown, Pa. The representatives of the General Council were the Rev. Dr. W. D. C. Keiter, Allentown, Pa.; Rev. H. A. Weller, Orwigsburg, Pa.; Rev. Dr. L. A. Johnston, St. Paul, Minn.; Prof. C. W. Foss, Ph.D., Rock Island; Rev. Dr. G. J. Gongaware, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. Edwin F. Keever, Utica, N. Y.; Rev. Dr. S. G. Weiskotten, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. O. F. H. Bert, Rev. N. R. Melhorn, Philadelphia; Dr. L. G. Abrahamson, Rock Island, Ill., and Hon. F. M. Riter, Philadelphia.

The Commission organized by appointing Rev. W. D. C. Keiter, D. D., chairman, ond Rev. Dr. F. P. Manhart, secretary. After the exchange of greetings, each party to the Commission presented their credentials, following which Dr. Hamma, on behalf of the General Synod, stated that their committee deemed it essential for the successful carrying on of the work of co-operation in the future, that the Commission first define clearly the terms of the compact of 1895 and 1897, and more particularly the word "field" framed in the wording of the original resolution. He further submitted a paper in which it was stated that his Synod held that the word "field" meant a village, hamlet, small city, or community, and asked that this interpretation be adopted by the Commission. Your Committee replied that this contention was, in their opinion, neither in accordance with the facts in the case nor in harmony with the principles underlying our work. A lengthy debate followed. Upon recommendation of a sub-committee composed of three members of each of the General Committees, the following resolution was finally adopted:

WHEREAS, In the course of time questions have arisen concerning the interpretation of the word "field" in the compact and regulations for co-operation, concluded in 1895 and 1897, therefore be it

Resolved, First, That in the territory conjointly occupied by two General Bodies, wherever one body of the Lutheran Church hereunto consenting is in occupation of a field, (a village or town or small city or a community, so occupied by one of the General Bodies, as not to leave room for an additional congregation; or in a case where it would overlap the natural parish bounds of congregations already in existence, or interefere with their work), and when it is shown to be in a reasonable measure able to care for our Lutheran material therein, the other or others shall respect such occupancy and abstain from any attempt to plant an additional congregation (to operate in the same language, and that in case of any disagreement, the Home Mission Boards or Committees of the Bodies concerned

shall seek to amicably adjust such differences. And in case of inability to effect such adjustment, the case be referred for final settlement to the Joint Commission of the Bodies.

Resolved Second, That in territory not yet jointly occupied by the negotiating bodies in this compact the word "field" shall be construed as applying to certain large territories to be fixed and agreed upon by this joint commission and definitely bounded by territorial lines.

This action was adopted as a basis for a future meeting at which specific lines are to be drawn in the Home Mission field not yet occupied jointly by the General Bodies.

It is recommended that this action be approved by the Council, and that the Committee of the Council be empowered to complete the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. C. KEITER, *Chairman.*
H. A. WELLER, *Secretary.*

SECOND MEETING OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

The Joint Commission of the Arbitration Committees of the General Council and the General Synod met in Lancaster, Pa., September 18, 1911, for the purpose of considering the protests which had been referred to the Commission for Arbitration. For the successful carrying on of the work and also the work of co-operation in the future, and to establish a basis for arbitration, it was deemed essential and resolved that the Commission first define clearly the terms of the compact of 1895-7 (See General Council Minutes 1895, page 17, and General Council Minutes 1897, page 63) and more particularly the word "field" found in said original regulations.

The action taken by the Commission was reported to the General Council in session at Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa., September 19, 1911, and adopted. (See page 245.) The Council thereupon continued its committee, authorizing the continuation of the work along said lines, and the arbitration of protested cases that may be presented to the Commission. Pursuant to this, the Joint Commission met in the First Lutheran Church at Pittsburgh, Pa., November 1, 1911, to ascertain and define mission territory as provided under resolution No. 2 of the meeting at Lancaster, Pa., when it was resolved by the Joint Commission to officially notify the Home Mission Boards of the General Council and the General Synod of the following action of this Commission, to which said Boards shall be expected to adhere and conform.

I. In States not mentioned herein, general rule No. 1, adopted at Lancaster, Pa., shall apply.

II. The States of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, California, and Texas are to be regarded as the special fields of the General Synod.

III. The States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, the Province of British Columbia, and the territory of Alaska are to be regarded as the special fields of the General Council.

As to Wisconsin, it is understood that the assignment of this State to the General Council is not to be construed as an interference with the work of the congregations already established there by the General Synod.

IV. The work now being carried on by the General Synod or the General Council, in languages other than English, throughout the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick shall not be interfered with in any way.

Regarding the English Home Mission work, the division of this territory shall be referred to the Home Mission Boards of the General Bodies herein represented. In case the Boards shall fail to agree, the final assignment shall be made by this Joint Commission.

V. The occupation of a special field assigned by this Commission to one of the General Bodies shall not be to the exclusion of a congregation or congregations belonging to the other General Body already existing on the same territory, nor interfere with their development.

VI. Should one General Body at any time be petitioned to do work on the special field assigned to the other General Body, the petitioners shall first be directed to the Board in charge of the territory; and, in the event of their failure to satisfy the petitioners, application shall be made by the Mission Board of the party thus petitioned to the Mission Board of the party occupying the special field; nor shall such work be begun without the consent of both Boards. In case of disagreement of these Boards the uatter shall be referred to this Joint Commission for final adjudication.

It was further resolved, that these bases having been established and unanimously adopted by the Commission, the matter of protests from individual congregations, district synods, or mission boards shall now be taken up for arbitration.

W. D. C. KEITER,
Chairman.

Attest: H. A. WELLER, *Secretary.*

The Rev. L. F. Gruber presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Number of congregations.....38
Number of pastors.....35
Number of church buildings.....34
Number of additional lots purchased..... 4
Number of parsonages..... 6

The Parochial statistics are exhibited on three charts and are comprised under the following heads:

I. Membership—pages 60 and 61.
II. Finances—pages 62 and 63.
III. Organizations—pages 64 and 65.

Of these statistics we give the following summary:

I. Membership.

		LOSS	GAIN
Catechumens	955		49
Students for the ministry	4	6	
Number communed	5,908		313
Members in good standing	6,836		567
Confirmed members at date last report,	8,043		

ACCESSIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Infant baptisms	499	
By adult baptism	59	
By confirmation	667	
From Lutheran congregations	155	
By renewal of faith	352	
By restoration	24	
Total accessions		1,257

LOSSES DURING YEAR.

By death	59	
By transfer	89	
Otherwise	313	
Total losses		461
Net gain during year		796
Present confirmed membership		8,839
Baptized children not included in above		6,833
Total baptized membership		15,672
Increase in baptized membership		1,716

II. Finances.

		DECREASE	INCREASE
Congregational—			
Value of property	$506,500.00		$59,030.00
Indebtedness	186,991.00		26,610.00
Contributions—			
For current expenses	52,212.11		5,465.71
For extraordinary expenses	56,851.17		20,176.42
Total, local objects	$109,063.28		$25,642.13
Benevolences—			
Synodical:			
Expenses of Synod	$ 667.67		$ 320.85
Traveling expenses	705.09		303.44
Ministerial relief	510.01		121.25
Chicago Seminary	1,187.63		124.24
Ministerial education	89.00		6.30
Total	$ 3,159.40		$ 876.08
General Council:			
Home Missions	$ 1,901.08	$109.01	
Church Extension	771.14	11.58	
Foreign Missions	857.74	66.58	
Porto Rico Missions	323.69	168.43	
Slav Missions	122.79		47.49
University Student Work	197.98		197.98
Total	$ 4,174.42	$ 10.13	
Other benevolences	808.45	266.43	
Total benevolences	$ 8,142.27		$ 449 52
Grand total contributions	$117,205.55		$26,141.65
Aver. per member, total confirmed	$ 13.26		$ 1.94
Aver. per member, good standing	17.14		2.61

III. Organizations.

1. *Sunday Schools—*			
Number of schools	38		369
Enrollment	7,167		51
Average attendance	4,241		51
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 5,745.09		$ 394.97
For benevolence	1,541.60	$363.00	
Total	$ 7,286.69		$ 31.97

2. *Women's Societies*—			
Number	37		
Enrollment	1,619		72
Average attendance	1,132		109
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 9,623.83		$ 1,377.04
For benevolence	1,018.68	$283.58	
Total	$ 10,642.51		$ 1,093 46
3. *Luther Leagues*—			
Number	33		
Enrollment	1,220		38
Average attendance	814	23	
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 1,595.04	$551.60	
For benevolence	164.64	51 38	
Total	$ 1,759.68	$602.98	
4. *Men's Societies*—			
Number	9		
Enrollment	255		27
Average attendance	167		5
Contributions:			
For local objects	$ 71.43	$ 5.94	
For benevolence	26.00		$ 17.50
Total	$ 97.43		$ 11.56

The scheme of the arrangement will be found to be alphabetical throughout, both as to states with their respective cities under them and as to the various churches under each city.

It is extremely important not only that the blanks of the reports be filled out with utmost accuracy, but also that *every* blank be filled out. Not to fill out, for example such blanks as the *average attendance* of a church organization, and the *number communed* during the year, necessarily leaves the report for that particular congregation incomplete and in so far affects the report of the whole Synod.

It should be emphasized also that, where there is more than one women's society the same be reported as one society. So all young people's associations are to be reported as one under "Luther Leagues"; and likewise with Sunday Schools and men's organizations.

We would respectfully recommend that, where a building fund exists, the same be counted under "Value of Property", so as to represent the full property value of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. Gruber.
Luther B. Deck.
W. S. Ulrich.

The report, including the recommendation, was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Wm. Eckert presented the

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Your Special Committee on the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund would report that we have diligently followed up the delinquents, with the following results:

All pastors and congregations have expressed the desire to meet the requirements of the Fund, and have done so, except

St. John's, Duluth, 1911	$16.04
" " 1912	17.55
Church of Atonement, Racine, 1912	10.00
Holy Trinity, Madison, 1912	9.12
North St. Paul, 1912	8.52
Advent, Cedarburg, 1912	4.06
	$65.29

We recommend that this amount be paid, by Synod, out of the Current Expense Fund, and that we request the congregations to repay Synod at an early date.

WM. ECKERT.
GEORGE H. SCHNUR.

After much discussion as to the proper interpretation of the meaning of the term "current expenses", it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the rules of the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund be reprinted, with explanatory note defining what is meant by the term "current expenses".

For the Rules see Appendix.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the Hon. C. A. Smith and Mr. Fred Swanson, who were elected to serve on the Board of Control of The Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund for a period of three years.

A letter containing greetings from the Synod of Central Canada was read by the Secretary.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. L. B. Deck. The President pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

Thursday, June 6, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Weiskotten.

The Rev. Wm. H. Gable read a paper on "Our Faith", based on Art. XX of the Augsburg Confession. "Our Form of Church Government" was the title of a paper read by the Rev. Geo. H. Schnur. Both papers were interesting and called forth a spirited discussion.

Business of Synod was resumed.

By action of Synod the Roll was not called. The Minutes of the Fourth Session were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

Mr. J. E. Nelson presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which was finally adopted in the following form:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

We the undersigned Auditing Committee, do hereby certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and have found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Nelson.
Geo. Hemsing.
L. J. Andrews.
Chas. Fleischer.

Synod adjourned to take an auto ride about the city of Platteville and its environs.

The President led in repeating the Lord's Prayer and pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, June 7, 9:00 A. M.

The Matin service was conducted by the Rev. E. O. Hoffmeister.

By action of Synod the Roll was not called. The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved.

The Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

Your Committee has examined the protocol of the Eastern Conference and also the report of its Secretary, and finds them correct and the book well kept. We did not receive the book of the Secretary of the Central Conference, but have an official report from that part of our Synod.

Your Committee also examined the reports of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and beg leave to offer the following:

Whereas, The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society of the Central Conference has pledged $300.00 toward the $15,000 fund for the Field Missionary work of the General Council, and the women of the Eastern Conference are striving to raise their share also;

Resolved, That Synod petition the Board of Home Missions to immediately place a field missionary in Minnesota and Wisconsin, with headquarters in the Twin Cities, believing that a man upon the field will materially assist the growth of our Synod and re-kindle the interest of our people in the support of such a field worker.

G. H. Trabert.
W. K. Frick.
A. J. D. Haupt.
H. K. Gebhart.
Wm. Eckert.
H. A. Doschadis.
Fred. W. Genz.

The following resolution, adopted by the Central Conference, was presented and adopted as a supplementary report to the Report of the Committee on Conferences:

Realizing that the mission territory of this Synod, assigned exclusively to us by the recent action of the Arbitration Committee of the General Council, demands the efforts of at least one Field Missionary in our midst, therefore

Resolved, That the Conference Mission Committees be authorized to secure pledges from individuals towards the salary of a Field Missionary for this territory, to supplement the sum pledged by the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of our Synod and thus make more sincere our petition to the Board, and make more sure the granting of the same.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. W. F. Bacher presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on Reception of Congregations begs to report that but one congregation, viz: Lake Park Evangelical Lutheran Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has made application for reception into Synod. We have carefully examined the constitution of this congregation and unanimously recommend that the congregation be received into Synod.

On examining the constitution of this congregation we find two points at which amendment seems desirable, and would recommend that Synod call the attention of the congregation to the same:

1. Article VII Sec. 4 requires two Sundays' notice for special meetings. In some states more than two Sundays' notice is required for a meeting at which questions involving the incumbrance or sale of property are considered. If this be the case in Wisconsin the Section in question should be amended accordingly.

2. Article XI Sec. 1, on amendments, provides that proposed amendments shall be "read to the congregation at least four weeks previous". This should be amended so as to require that proposed amendments shall be read to the congregation at the chief service on the four Sundays next preceding the meeting at which they are to be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. BACHER.
JOHN SANDER.
JAMES F. BEATES.
C. A. ROWLEY.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. G. H. Schnur presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We note with pleasure the untiring activity of our acting President, and bespeak for him the harmonious co-operation of all the pastors and congregations during the year for which he has been elected.

It is with gratitude to God that we note also the splendid opportunities for enlargement and for labors abundant to which he has called our attention. We rejoice in the signal evidences of God's favor shown in the progress which has been general throughout the Synod. With the President, we wish to offer our sincere congratulations to Pastor and people of our congregation at Platteville upon ten years of successful growth and development.

We offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Secretary be instructed to request the Rev. A. J. Reichert, our former President, to prepare a report covering that period of his administration intervening between the last synodical meeting and his resignation; and that this report, after having been approved by the President and Secretary, be printed in the minutes.

2. That Synod express its hearty appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of the Rev. A. J. Reichert during the six terms of his administration; and that this action of the Synod be communicated to him by the Secretary.

3. That the Synod express its thanks to our retiring Secretary, the Rev. Wm. P. Christy, for his faithful three years' service.

4. That, in the matter of the failure of some congregations meeting some part of their apportionment, the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to follow up the congregations and urge the full payment, especially of the apportionments for Home Missions, University Student Work and Chicago Seminary; and we further recommend that these objects be presented at the fall meetings of the Conferences.

5. That we rejoice that the congregation at Stacy, Minnesota, through Mr. E. C. Waller, has paid $25.00 on the $300 note owing Synod; and that the Treasurer be instructed to preserve this money intact for a Synodical Church Extension Fund, as per Standing Rule, No. 23, page 74, Minutes of 1905. (Original loan reported by Treasurer, page 29, Minutes of 1906).

6. That a committee of five, including the Treasurer, be appointed by the President to make a thorough study and investigation of our present system of synodical finance, and report at the next convention of Synod.

7. That the pastors use every reasonable effort to extend the circulation of "The Lutheran" in their parishes.

8. That, in answer to the communication from the General Council's Board of Education respecting an apportionment for educational purposes, we instruct our Secretary to inform the said Board that this year's apportionment for educational purposes amounts to $1,700.00 ($1,500 for the Chicago Seminary and $200 for Ministerial Education).

9. That the communication respecting the part of the Synod of the Northwest in the raising of the Two Million Dollar Jubilee Fund be referred to the Standing Committee which has that matter in charge.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. SCHNUR,
LUTHER B. DECK,
PAUL H. ROTH,
WALTER F. STERNITZKY,
RAY L. FRICK,
Committee.

The report was received, considered seriatim and then adopted as a whole.

Item 2 of the Report of the Liturgical Committee was adopted. See First Session.

The report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, by the Rev. P. W. Roth, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Lutheran Deaconess Association and the Iowa Synod upon the advisability of establishing a home-finding association for orphans, with a receiving station at Milwaukee.

On motion, by the Rev. J. F. Beates, it was

Resolved, That a column be inserted in the Parochial Report of Synod for contributions to Orphans' Work.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Roll of Synod show the year of re-entrance of ministers into Synod.

At this point the Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., asked permission to read the following from the Hon. C. A. Smith:

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 6, 1912.

REV. G. H. TRABERT, D. D.,
Care Rev. L. W. Steckel, Platteville, Wis.

MY DEAR DOCTOR:

I received yours of May 15th some time ago and hoped to see you here upon my arrival, but find that you have already gone to the meeting of the Synod. I had intended to take up this matter of

the Ministerial Aid Fund with you and discuss it. As I have intimated to you, and as I know you have surmised, I have desired to complete this fund and I now desire to do so, and herewith enclose my note, payable on demand, for $5,500.00 and drawing 6% interest semi-annually. This note, together with the bonds of the C. A. Smith Timber Company of $4,500.00, makes the total amount of $10,000.00. I have no statement of the amount in the hands of the Treasurer for the benefit of this fund, but whatever is lacking in making up the amount above referred to is contributed by myself with pleasure, and such balance in the hands of the Treasurer may be sent to me.

Sincerely hoping that both congregations and pastors will realize the great importance to the work of this fund and that a greater interest be shown in the carrying out of the intentions of the rules and regulations bearing upon the accumulation of and the benefits to be derived from this fund, I remain, with greetings to yourself and friends,

Yours very truly,

C. A. SMITH.

The reading of this letter, conveying the information of the completion of the $10,000 Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, elicitated much joy in Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Dr. Trabert telegraph the sincere thanks of Synod to the Hon. C. A. Smith.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That the Revs. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., and Wm. Eckert draw up suitable resolutions to be sent to Mr. Smith, and a copy of the same to be spread upon the minutes.

Synod arose and sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

On motion, by the Rev. F. E. Cooper, it was

Resolved, 1. That this Synod request the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Chicago to report annually to the Synod, and that for this year the clerical members of this Synod who are on the Seminary Board prepare such a report for the Minutes.

Resolved, 2. That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report at the next convention of Synod on the advisability of establishing a Synod of the Northwest Professorship in the Chicago Seminary and making itself responsible for its support, looking to a future endowment of the Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHICAGO LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The twenty-first year of the Seminary was its second year at Maywood, the new site just west of Chicago. The five public buildings and five residences prove admirably adapted to their uses. Public functions, like Commencement, brought out larger audiences than formerly. The faculty, consisting of four professors and three instructors, finished the year with slight interruption from sickness. Members of the Board of Directors from this Synod are Hon. C. A. Smith, now of Oakland, Cal., the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Secretary, and the Rev. F. E. Cooper, of Milwaukee, elected this spring in the room of the Rev. A. J. Reichert, elected, but removed to the East. The Seminary suffered the loss of its General Secretary, the Rev. F. E. Jensen, under whose direct management the transfer was made from the Lakeview to the Maywood site. The Rev. Wm. Eckert has accepted a call as General Secretary.

Forty students have been under instruction during 1911-2. Four men graduated, of whom one, the Rev. Grover H. Rapps, was from Milwaukee, and has accepted the North St. Paul parish. The students are drawn from English, Swedish, Norwegian, and German congregations. There is one Dane, one Finn, and one Jew. There is an additional 57 in the Correspondence Courses. The 270 clergymen who have pursued studies in the institution are spread throughout the land, and not a few are laboring in the foreign fields.

The Seminary appeals to the Synod of the Northwest for men and means. Professor Gerberding will present the cause as pulpits are opened to him, and Student Charles L. Grant, who has gained experience as canvasser for "The Lutheran" will both speak in our pulpits and canvass the congregations after his work in the Chicago Synod. We bespeak for them a hearty welcome. Until the endowment fund, now begun, reaches three hundred thousand dollars, it will be necessary to appeal yearly to the churches for the current expenses. Our trust is in the living God and in the loving hearts of His consecrated people.

WM. K. FRICK,
FREDERICK E. COOPER,
Directors.

The Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht presented the

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST.

All papers and documents received during the year have been placed on file. We again urge all pastors to send complete files of parish papers.

G. KELLER RUBRECHT.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. C. P. Weiskotten presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.

The report was adopted and appears in tabulated form with the Roll of Synod on page 5.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the official closing of Synod take place at the close of the evening's ordination service.

The special committee on Resolution of Thanks to the Hon. C. A. Smith made the following report, which was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

To the Hon. C. A. Smith for his generous donation of Five Thousand Dollars to the Pastors' and Widows' Aid Fund of Synod.

Whereas, A communication has just been received from our esteemed former treasurer, the Hon. C. A. Smith, that out of his deep interest in the welfare of our pastors and their widows and orphans, he has, in his noble generosity, raised the fund to Ten Thousand Dollars, that the interest thereof may be immediately available; be it

RESOLVED, That this Synod hereby record its sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mr. Smith for this exceptional expression of his regard for our welfare, in the assurance that He from whom all blessings flow, will richly reward the donor of so generous a gift.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Smith, and that it be spread upon our Minutes.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
WM. ECKERT,
Committee.

On motion of Dr. Trabert, it was

Resolved, 1. That the Synod expresses its appreciation of the generous and hearty manner in which the members of this Synod have been received and entertained by the pastor and members of this congregation, and that we tender our most cordial thanks to both pastor and people for the kindness shown us during our stay, including the automobile ride on Thursday afternoon.

Resolved, 2. That these resolutions be read at the close of the service this evening.

The Rev. Wm. H. Gable presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL AND PRINTED MINUTES.

1. On page five of printed minutes, paragraph three, line one, the word "are" should read "is".

2. Under Detailed Statement of Congregations, page 15, under Mesepotamia Mission, Protocol has $5.00 which should read $10.00 for Atonement,, Racine.

3. Printed Minutes, page 24, sixth paragraph, "ubjects" should read "subjects".

4. On page 40 of printed Minutes, under Amounts due Congregations, for Atonement, Beloit, $31.53 should read $31.58.

5. Page 44 of printed Minutes, index No. 7, under Total Benevolence $327.06 corrects the protocol, which reads $227.06.

6. Under column "Other Benevolence" "Decrease" reads $125.38 which corrects protocol statement of $125.88.

W. H. GABLE,
E. O. HOFFMEISTER,
Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph.D., be elected Synod's representative on the General Council Board of English Home Missions for the unexpired term of the Rev. A. J. Reichert. (See Minutes 1911, p. 28).

The President announced the Conference Mission Committees as follows:

For the Eastern Conference—Revs. Wm. Eckert, W. K. Frick, D. D., and W. P. Christy.

For the Central Conference—Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., L. B. Deck and G. H. Schnur.

The President, Dr. Elmquist, presented a verbal report on his recent trip to Philadelphia to attend the meeting of the General Council Board of English Home Missions.

The Secretary was instructed to secure a report from the General Council Board of English Home Missions and spread same upon the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The only new work which has been done on the territory of the Synod of the Northwest since last report is that of Neenah. We are all agreed on the magnitude of the work and the comparative smallness of our achievements and the absolute inadequacy of the number of men and the amount of money at our disposal to accomplish the work. There is where the difficulty lies, and there and there alone, we will find the solution of our problem. When the Church earnestly and unitedly addresses itself to the problem of furnishing the men and the means and each part attempts to discharge its responsibility, instead of hiding behind excuses and entrenching itself behind criticism, the work can be more satisfactorily done. Still, progress has been made, the field has been more thoroughly studied, and we believe that there is a more united spirit to cultivate than ever before. Besides the statistical table which accompanies this report we would call your attention to the following:

Oshkosh, Wis.—Rev. Stump began his labors in St. John's Church November 10th, 1911, and, in addition to raising new interest in our enterprise, he has started the work at Neenah.

Cedarburg, Wis.—This mission is making but slow progress and some point in the neighborhood should be found to which this could be attached, thus making a self-sustaining parish in the near future.

Beloit, Wis.—The work at Beloit is expected to go forward more rapidly as the Church Extension Society has given an additional loan of $3,500 to enable the congregation to complete its building.

Lake Park, Milwaukee.—This mission has been going forward under Rev. Cooper. Payment has been made of $6,500 for a lot. There are $6,000 in bank, and also some thousands on subscription toward the new church. We expect, as soon as the structure is completed, that the congregation will make rapid progress toward self-sustentation.

Reformation, Milwaukee.—Rev. Holl has done successful work, and the income has increased.

Atonement, Racine, Wis.—Rev. Rex has been active among his people. We believe under proper care and with an aggressive effort this mission could become self-sustaining.

Madison, Wis.—Revs. Gold and Fedders have been laboring together as pastor and assistant pastor in the mission at Madison. Such assistance had been requested by Rev. Gold in order to enable him to devote his special attention to the gathering of funds for the paying of the lot and the building of a new church.

Holy Communion, Minneapolis.—Rev. Luther Deck had been supplying at this point for some time without any support from the Board, until November, 1911. He has finally succeeded in securing the money voted by the Church Extension Society, and in having the matter properly financed. The people are beginning to do something toward supporting the work.

Redeemer, Minneapolis.—Rev. C. J. Rockey has taken vigorous hold of this lively mission. The work is moving forward in a commendable manner in every respect.

Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.—Whilst Rev. Gable has been ever faithful in the work at this mission there ought to be more enterprise and evidence of growth and development among the members of that mission.

First Ev. Luth. Church, Winnipeg, Canada.—Rev. P. E. Baisler is still forging ahead in his work in Winnipeg. The basement of the church is now completed and the time for substantial and rapid development is now come.

Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.—This mission is likewise forging ahead under Rev. Klingensmith. The little building which they had rented has been moved and greatly improved. The contract for the new church has been given. New work has been started by him at Butte, Mont., in which, for the present, five families are interested.

We would ask Synod, first, to appoint a Home Mission Board to co-operate according to the plan of Unification with the General Board, and also to appoint Conference Mission Committees, which shall co-operate with the Home Mission Board of the Synod.

We would ask Synod:—

1. To appoint one Sunday of the year when every pastor shall lay the obligations of the ministry upon the consciences of the young men and parents of his congregation, and would suggest that either Septuagesima, when the Gospel speaks of laborers in the vineyard, or the second Sunday after Easter, when it treats of the Good Shepherd.

2. That the Home Mission Board of the Synod have regular and stated meetings during the year, that if possible Conference Mission Committees be organized who shall look up new fields, and through the Secretary of the Home Mission Board report the same to the General Board.

3. That the Synod apportion the sum of $2,500 among its congregations and devise ways and means by which the church councils of the congregations may be visited, have the congregations agree to the apportionments and arrange to pay the same monthly.

4. The co-operation of the members of the Synod with its Home Mission Board and its Conference Mission Committees in arranging for a proper and attractive presentation of the topics outlined for the twelve weeks and for the week of November 17th to 24th.

5. It is evident that the work of Home Missions in the larger cities is both difficult and encouraging, expensive and remunerative, and that our apportionment system needs to be supplemented if we are to overtake the work. Therefore we ask the co-operation of the Synod in securing from individuals contributions toward the $60,000 fund for the employment of additional Field Missionaries.

A. C. ALBRECHT, Secretary.

SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Name of Mission.	Location.	Pastor.	Organized	Com. 1911	Net Gain	Net Loss	RECEIPTS. Gen. Expense	RECEIPTS. Benevol.
First	Winnipeg, Canada	P. E. Baisler	1905	74	10	....	$4353 71	$ 86 00
Lake Park	Milwaukee, Wis	C. E. Cooper	1911	....	36	....	1483 20	.....
Reformation	Milwaukee, Wis	A. J. Holl	1908	220	109	....	4738 39	31 82
Holy Trinity	Madison, Wis	Gold and Fedders	1907	94	27	....	2252 06	40 65
Holy Trinity	Superior, Wis	W. H. Gable	1905	110	10	....	1589 34	62 29
Atonement	Racine, Wis	W. F. Rex	1909	164	31	....	2433 20	79 94
Atonement	Beloit, Wis	Paul J. Roth	1905	131	16	....	1824 78	130 24
St. John's	Oshkosh, Wis	W. C. Stump	1907	100	11	....	1274 30	84 66
Advent	Cedarburg, Wis	T. F. Weiskotten	1904	69	7	....	2553 12	81 77
Holy Communion	Minneapolis, Minn	L. B. Deck	1909	35	24	....	569 02	62 86
Redeemer	Minneapolis, Minn	C. J. Rockey	1909	72	43	....	1561 40	208 15
Redeemer	Livingston, Mont	F. W. Klingensmith	1906	56	....	1	1459 37	112 87

Subjects for the Week of November 17-24, 1912.

	General Council.	Home Missions Council.
November, 1912.		
Sunday, 17th...A. M.	Our Country's Debt to Christ	Our Country's Debt to Christ
P. M.	Units in making our Country loyal to Christ.....	Units in making our Country God's Country.
Monday, 18th.....	Our Beginnings.....	American Indians, Africans, and Asiatics.
Tuesday, 19th.....	Immigration.....	The Frontier and the Island Possessions.
Wednesday, 20th.....	Rural and City Problems....	The Immigrants.
Thursday, 21st.....	Colleges, Universities and Seminaries.....	The Rural Regions and the Cities.
Friday, 22d.....	Our Method of Home Mission Work.....	American Social Problems.
Saturday, 23d.....	.....	Prayer and Fellowship.
Sunday, 24th...A. M.	Our Opportunity and Responsibility.....	Our Country's Opportunity for Christ.
P. M.	A Plea for Men and Means..	Unity in making our Country God's Country.

The following topics, outlined for a twelve weeks' course, were adopted by our Board of the General Council:

I. A Brief History.
II. Its Great Extent—United States and Canada.
III. Neglected Fields.
IV. Immigration and Language Problems.
V. Town and Country Problems.
VI. City Problems.
VII. The Field Missionary System.
VIII. Men and Means.
IX. Colleges, Universities and Seminaries.
X. The Church and the Community.
XI. The Church the Religious Force.
XII. The Lutheran Bodies Federated for Advance.

The topics as outlined by the Home Missions Council:

1. Negroes and Indians.
2. Spanish-Americans.
3. Frontier.
4. Immigrants.

5. Country Life.
6. City Problems.
7. Women and Children in Industry.
8. The Saloon and Temperance Reform.
9. Social Conditions and Movements.
10. The Church as a Social Agency.
11. The Church as a Religious Force.
12. The Churches in a United Program of Advance.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Messrs. Geo. W. Eckstrand, St. Paul, Minn., and Geo. Hemsing, Milwaukee, Wis., be elected members of the Executive Committee of Synod.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That, in the future, Synod reciprocate the action of the Pittsburg Synod in sending a fraternal delegate.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the President send greetings to the Synod of Central Canada.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. P. W. Roth represent Synod as fraternal delegate to the Chicago Synod at its coming convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Eastern Conference be permitted to give his report to the Secretary of Synod, and that same be spread upon the Minutes. (See Second Session.)

On motion, by the Rev. L. B. Deck, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint some one to prepare theses on Christian Giving, and that a whole afternoon be given at the next convention to the consideration of the same.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That an opportunity be given for the transaction of business, both before and after the afternoon's session.

Synod adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. F. Beates. The President pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Friday, June 7, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Stump.

The Roll was called. The Minutes of the Sixth Session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Secretary presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Synod begs leave to report as follows:

On July 5th, 1911, the Committee met in the office of Hon. C. A. Smith, in Minneapolis, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of Synod in place of Mr. C. L. Trabert, who was unable to accept the office. Mr. J. K. Jensen, of Janesville, Wis., was elected.

At a meeting held in La Crosse Dec. 8, 1911, the action of the President in granting $50.00 from the Ministerial Education Fund to Mr. Leroy Nielson, a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, was approved. It was decided to grant an additional $75.00 to Mr. Nielsen, on condition that he enter upon a full collegiate course.

The resignation of Rev. A. J. Reichert, as President of the Synod, who removed to Lancaster, Pa., was regretfully accepted.

Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., was chosen to the office for the unexpired term.

H. K. GEBHART.
A. F. ELMQUIST.
G. KELLER RUBRECHT.

The report was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of the Minutes be printed and that they be distributed pro rata to the congregations of Synod.

The place of the next convention was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Control of the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund be granted permission to incorporate if they deem it advisable.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary have the theses on Christian Giving printed for distribution at the sessions of Synod.

The President appointed the Standing Committees

"What the Pulpit Demands of the Pew" was the subject of a paper read by the Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht. The Rev. Wm. Eckert presented a carefully prepared paper on "What the Pew Demands of the Pulpit". A number of pastors engaged in a spirited discussion.

The Minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with the singing of Hymn 313, the Rev. Dr. Trabert offering prayer and the President pronouncing the benediction. The official closing of Synod took place after the Ordination Service in the evening with the "Order for the Closing of Synods".

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

"Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work."

GEORGE KELLER RUBRECHT,
Secretary.

Minutes of the Ministerium.

Tuesday, June 4, 1912, 4:30 P. M.

The Ministerium was called to order by the President and the Rev. Dr. J. Sander offered prayer.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Trabert presented a partial report of the Examining Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

To the Ministerium of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest:

The Examining Committee has held a colloquium with the following brethren who have been called to parishes in this Synod:

1. The Rev. John F. Fedders, who comes to us from the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states. He has accepted a call to assist at Madison as the assistant pastor with the Rev. Howard R. Gold.

2. The Rev. Frederick E. Cooper, from the District Synod of Ohio, who has, by recommendation of your Committee, been installed pastor of Lake Park Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Milwaukee.

3. The Rev. Wm. C. Stump, from the Chicago Synod, who has been installed as pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oshkosh.

4. The Rev. Isaiah Whitman, from the Chicago Synod, who has accepted a call to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Red Wing, Minn.

Your Committee heartily commends these brethren to the Ministerium for recommendation to Synod for reception.

George H. Trabert.
W. K. Frick.
Wm. F. Bacher.
Wm. Eckert.
H. K. Gebhart.

The report was received, considered seriatim and the four brethren examined were recommended to Synod for reception.

The Ministerium adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

The President pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday, June 5, 1:45 P. M.

The Second Session of the Ministerium was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. F. Beates.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Trabert presented an additional report of the Examining Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your Examining Committee held a colloquium with the Rev. Paul W. Roth, the Chaplain at the Milwaukee Motherhouse of Deaconesses, who comes to us from the Chicago Synod, and heartily commend him to the Ministerium for recommendation to reception into the Synod.

A colloquium was also held with Mr. Grover Herman Rapps, who has been called to the North St. Paul and Stacy parish, and applies for ordination. He is a child of our own Synod and a graduate of our Chicago Theological Seminary. We most heartily recommend him for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. Frick.
Wm. F. Bacher.
Wm. Eckert.
H. K. Gebhart.

The report was received and considered seriatim. The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Ministerium adjourned to meet, if necessary, at the call of the President.

The President pronounced the benediction.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

Tuesday, June 4.

10:15 A. M. Confessional Service.

10:30 A. M. Synodical Sermon by the President, the Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., Minneapolis, Minn. "Ambassadors of Christ", based on Matt. 28:16-20.
Holy Communion.

8:00 P. M. Home Mission Service.
Address—"Social Service", Rev. L. F. Gruber, Minneapolis, Minn.
Address—"Inner Missions", Rev. George H. Trabert, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn.
Address—"Home Missions", Rev. L. B. Deck, Minneapolis, Minn.

Wednesday, June 5.

3:30 P. M. Paper—"Our Position with Reference to the Religious Movements of the Day", Rev. J. E. Shewell, Duluth, Minn.

8:00 P. M. Foreign Mission Service.
Address—"World Missions", Rev. G. H. Schnur, St. Paul, Minn.
Address—"Porto Rico", Rev. W. F. Bacher, St. Paul, Minn.
Address—"Japan", Rev. C. J. Rockey, Minneapolis, Minn.
Address—"India", Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., Albert Lea, Minn.

Thursday, June 6.

2:00 P. M. Paper—"Our Faith", based on Art. XX Aug. Conf., Rev. W. H. Gable, Superior, Wis.
Paper—"Our Form of Church Government", Rev. G. H. Schnur, St. Paul, Minn.

8:00 P. M. Reformation Jubilee Service, 1517-1912.
Address—"The General Council", Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Milwaukee, Wis.
Address—"The Lutheran Church in America", Rev. P. E. Baisler, Winnipeg, Man.
Address—"Luther and His Work", Rev. J. Sander, L. H. D., Lindstrom, Minn.

Address—"World Effects of the Lutheran Reformation", Rev. J. F. Beates, St. Paul, Minn.

Friday, June 7.

2:00 P. M. Paper—"What the Pulpit Demands of the Pew", Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, Milwaukee, Wis.

Paper—"What the Pew Demands of the Pulpit", Rev. Wm. Eckert, Racine, Wis.

8:00 P. M. Ordination Service. Sermon by the Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Milwaukee, Wis.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., W. K. Frick, D. D., H. K. Gebhart, W. F. Bacher, J. Sander, L. H. D., Wm. Eckert.

STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Revs. L. F. Gruber, L. B. Deck, W. S. Ulrich.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Revs. G. Keller Rubrecht, A. J. D. Haupt, D. D., L. B. Deck, L. W. Steckel.

ARCHIVIST.

Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEE.

Revs. G. H. Schnur, P. H. Roth, W. P. Christy, L. B. Deck.

REVISION OF CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

Revs. L. F. Gruber, J. F. Beates, J. Sander, L. H. D.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

Revs. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., J. F. Beates, Messrs. F. W. Genz, Geo. Eckstrand, Wm. Peiper.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Revs. H. K. Gebhart, W. K. Frick, D. D., G. H. Trabert, D. D., C. J. Rockey.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

Revs. L. F. Gruber, Wm. Eckert, Messrs. J. K. Jensen, George Hemsing, Christian Jacobson.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' RECEIVING HOME.

Revs. P. W. Roth, A. J. Holl, G. Keller Rubrecht.

MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE.

Revs. Wm. Eckert, W. K. Frick, D. D., and W. P. Christy.

MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. G. H. Trabert, D. D., L. B. Deck and G. H. Schnur.

Statistical Tables.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE.

	CONGREGATIONS	Members in Good Stand'g	Synodical Expense	Traveling Expense	Chicago Seminary	Ministerial Education	Home Missions	Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Porto Rico Missions	Slav Missions	University Student Work	German Home Missions	Jewish Missions	Totals	Index No.
	MINNESOTA															
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	97	$ 5 70	$ 7 86	$21 30	$ 2 90	$35 50	$12 10	$17 00	$ 7 10	$2 90	$ 7 20	$ 70	$ 1 40	$121 66	1
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	75	4 40	6 57	16 40	2 20	27 50	9 40	13 10	5 50	2 10	5 50	60	1 10	94 37	2
3	Duluth.....St. John's	175	10 20	14 20	36 20	5 10	64 00	21 90	30 60	12 80	5 10	12 90	1 10	2 50	216 60	3
4	Goodhue.....St. Luke's	98	5 80	7 94	21 50	2 90	35 90	12 30	17 10	7 20	2 90	7 20	70	1 40	122 84	4
5	Lindstrom.....Trinity	150	8 80	12 10	32 80	4 40	54 90	18 80	26 30	11 00	4 40	11 00	1 10	2 10	187 70	5
6	Minneapolis.....Holy Communion	57	3 30	5 11	13 50	1 70	20 90	7 10	11 00	5 20	1 70	5 20	40	1 30	76 41	6
7	Minneapolis.....Holy Trinity	174	10 20	14 09	38 20	5 10	63 70	21 80	30 50	12 70	5 00	12 70	1 20	2 50	217 69	7
8	Minneapolis.....Redeemer	115	6 70	9 31	25 20	3 70	42 10	14 40	20 10	8 40	3 40	8 50	80	1 60	144 21	8
9	Minneapolis.....St. John's	405	23 70	32 80	89 70	12 80	148 20	50 60	70 90	29 60	11 80	29 60	2 90	5 70	508 30	9
10	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	315	18 50	25 51	68 40	9 20	115 30	39 40	55 10	23 00	9 10	23 00	2 20	4 90	393 61	10
11	Minneapolis.....Salem	390	22 90	31 59	85 50	11 30	142 70	48 80	70 20	28 50	11 40	28 50	2 70	6 00	490 09	11
12	North St. Paul.....St. Mark's	60	3 60	4 86	13 20	1 80	22 00	7 50	10 50	4 40	1 80	4 40	42	80	79 06	12
13	Red Wing.....St. Paul's	307	18 00	24 86	67 30	9 90	112 50	38 40	53 80	22 50	8 90	22 50	2 10	4 30	385 06	13
14	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	245	14 30	19 84	53 70	7 40	89 70	30 60	42 90	17 90	7 10	17 90	1 70	3 50	306 54	14
15	St. Paul.....Reformation	497	29 00	40 26	108 80	14 50	181 80	62 10	87 90	36 30	14 50	36 30	3 50	8 00	622 96	15
16	Stacy.....St. John's	27	1 60	2 18	5 90	90	9 90	3 40	4 80	2 00	80	2 00	20	40	34 08	16
17	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	70	4 10	5 67	15 40	2 10	25 70	8 80	12 30	5 20	2 10	5 20	50	1 00	88 07	17
	MONTANA															
18	Livingston.....Redeemer	55	3 30	5 45	13 10	1 60	20 20	6 90	9 70	4 10	2 60	4 10	40	80	72 25	18
	NORTH DAKOTA															
19	Fargo.....St. Mark's	285	16 70	23 09	62 50	8 30	104 30	35 60	49 90	20 80	8 30	20 90	2 00	4 00	356 39	19
	WISCONSIN															
20	Afton.....Holy Trinity	20	1 20	1 62	4 40	60	7 30	2 50	3 50	1 50	60	1 50	20	30	25 22	20
21	Beloit.....Atonement	100	5 90	8 10	21 90	3 00	36 60	12 50	17 50	7 30	2 90	7 30	70	1 40	125 10	21
22	Cedarburg.....Advent	76	4 50	6 15	16 70	2 20	27 80	9 50	13 30	5 60	2 20	5 60	60	1 10	95 25	22
23	Janesville.....St. Peter's	200	11 70	16 20	44 80	5 80	73 20	25 00	35 00	14 60	5 80	14 60	1 40	2 80	250 90	23
24	Kenosha.....Grace	237	13 90	19 20	51 90	6 90	86 70	29 70	41 50	17 30	6 90	17 30	1 70	3 40	296 40	24
25	La Crosse.....Holy Trinity	151	8 80	12 23	33 10	4 40	55 20	18 90	26 50	11 00	5 40	11 10	1 10	2 70	190 43	25
26	Madison.....Holy Trinity	106	6 20	8 58	23 30	3 10	38 70	13 30	18 60	7 80	3 10	7 80	70	1 50	132 68	26
27	Middleton.....First English	44	2 60	3 52	9 60	1 30	16 10	5 50	7 70	3 20	1 30	3 30	30	70	55 12	27
28	Milwaukee.....Epiphany	370	21 60	29 98	81 00	10 80	135 40	46 20	64 80	27 00	10 80	27 10	2 60	5 20	462 48	28
29	Milwaukee.....Lake Park	36	2 10	3 96	8 90	2 10	13 20	4 50	6 30	2 60	1 10	2 70	30	50	48 26	29
30	Milwaukee.....Redeemer	430	25 20	34 85	94 20	12 50	157 40	53 80	75 30	31 40	12 50	31 40	3 00	6 10	537 65	30
31	Milwaukee.....Reformation	332	19 50	26 89	72 70	9 70	121 50	41 50	58 10	24 30	9 70	24 30	2 30	4 70	415 19	31
32	Oshkosh.....St. John's	106	6 20	8 58	23 20	3 10	38 80	13 30	18 60	7 70	3 10	7 80	80	1 50	132 68	32
33	Platteville.....First	202	11 80	.....	45 30	5 40	73 90	25 30	35 40	14 80	5 40	14 80	1 40	2 90	236 40	33
34	Racine.....Atonement	181	11 00	14 66	39 60	5 30	66 20	22 60	31 70	13 20	5 30	13 30	1 30	2 60	226 76	34
35	Racine.....Holy Communion	435	25 50	35 75	95 20	12 70	159 20	54 40	76 20	31 80	13 70	31 80	3 00	6 10	545 35	35
36	Superior.....Holy Trinity	80	4 70	6 48	17 50	2 40	29 30	10 00	14 00	5 90	2 40	5 90	60	1 20	100 38	36
37	Waterloo.....St. Paul's	65	3 80	5 26	14 20	1 90	23 80	8 10	11 40	4 80	1 90	4 80	50	1 00	81 46	37
	CANADA															
38	Winnipeg.....First English	68	4 00	5 50	14 90	2 00	24 90	8 50	11 90	5 00	2 00	5 00	50	1 00	85 20	38
		6836	$401 00	$540 80	$1501 00	$203 00	$2502 00	$855 00	$1201 00	$501 00	$202 00	$502 00	$52 00	$100 00	$8560 80	

Itemized Traveling Expense Report.

	CONGREGATIONS.	Clergy	Lay	Total Travel'g Expense	Amount Apportioned	Amount Due Synod	Amount Due Congregation	*Traveling Expenses, 10 pr ct. added
	MINNESOTA			See last Column				
1	Albert Lea.....Salem	$10 46	$12 98	$23 44	$ 7 86	.....	$17 92	$25 78
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	.....	.....	.....	6 57	$6 57	.....	.....
3	Duluth.....St. John's	17 22	.....	17 22	14 20	.....	4 74	18 94
4	Goodhue.....St. Luke's	.....	.....	.....	7 94	7 94	.....	.....
5	Lindstrom.....Trinity	14 70	15 75	30 45	12 10	.....	21 40	33 50
6	Minneapolis..Holy Commmunion	12 16	.....	12 16	5 11	5 11	.....	13 38
7	Minneapolis.....Holy Trinity				14 09	71	.....	
8	Minneapolis.....Redeemer	12 16	12 16	24 32	9 31	.....	17 44	26 75
9	Minneapolis.....St. John's	.....	12 16	12 16	32 80	19 42	.....	13 38
10	Minneapolis.....St. Mark's	12 16	.....	12 16	25 51	12 13	.....	13 38
11	Minneapolis.....Salem	12 16	.....	12 16	31 59	18 21	.....	13 38
12	North St. Paul.....St. Mark's	12 83	.....	12 83	4 86	.....	9 25	14 11
13	Red Wing.....St. Paul's	11 02	11 50	22 52	24 86	9	.....	24 77
14	St. Paul.....Holy Trinity	12 16	.....	12 16	19 84	6 46	.....	13 38
15	St. Paul.....Reformation	12 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		12 16	.....	24 32	40 26	13 51	.....	26 75
16	Stacy.....St. John's	.....	.....	.....	2 18	2 18	.....	.....
17	Zumbrota.....Redeemer	.....	.....	.....	5 67	5 67	.....	.....
	MONTANA							
18	Livingston.....Redeemer	65 33	.....	65 33	5 45	.....	66 41	71 86
	NORTH DAKOTA							
19	Fargo.....St. Mark's	31 33	.....	31 33	23 09	.....	11 37	34 46
	WISCONSIN							
20	Afton.....Holy Trinity	.....	.....	.....	1 62	1 62	.....	.....
21	Beloit.....Atonement	4 02	.....	4 02	8 10	3 68	.....	4 42
22	Cedarburg.....Advent	.....	6 78	6 78	6 15	.....	1 31	7 46
23	Janesville.....St. Peter's	3 52	.....	3 52	16 20	12 33	.....	3 87
24	Kenosha.....Grace	7 04	.....	7 04	19 20	11 46	.....	7 74
25	La Crosse.....Holy Trinity	.....	6 61	6 61	12 23	4 96	.....	7 27
26	Madison.....Holy Trinity	5 28	3 52	8 80	8 58	2 77	.....	9 68
27	Middleton.....First English				3 52	3 52	.....	.....
28	Milwaukee.....Epiphany	6 08	6 08	12 16	29 98	16 60	.....	13 38
29	Milwaukee.....Lake Park	6 08	.....	6 08	3 96	.....	2 72	6 68
30	Milwaukee.....Redeemer	6 08	6 08	12 16	34 85	21 47	.....	13 38
31	Milwaukee.....Reformation	.....	6 08	6 08	26 89	20 21	.....	6 68
32	Oshkosh.....St. John's	7 32	'32	14 64	8 58	.....	7 52	16 10
33	Platteville.....First English	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Racine.....Atonement	6 22	.....	6 22	14 66	7 82	.....	6 84
35	Racine.....Holy Communion	6 22	.....	6 22	35 75	28 91	.....	6 84
36	Superior.....Holy Trinity	16 92	16 92	33 84	6 48	.....	30 74	37 22
37	Waterloo.....St. Paul's	4 46	4 46	8 92	5 26	.....	4 56	9 82
	CANADA							
38	Winnipeg.....First English	36 00	.....	36 00	5 50	.....	34 10	39 60
	Totals.....	$363 25	$128 40	$491 65	$540 80	$233 33	$229 46	$540 80

*By action of Synod, 10 per cent. was added to the actual traveling expenses as a basis for apportionment.

PAROCHIAL REPORT — MEMBERSHIP.

Index No.	CONGREGATIONS Names and Locations	PASTORS Names and Addresses	Organized	Catechumens	Students for the Ministry	No. Communed	MEMBERS In Good Standing	MEMBERS Confirmed	MEMBERS Baptized	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	ACCESSIONS Confirmations	ACCESSIONS From Lutheran Congregations	ACCESSIONS Renewal of Faith	ACCESSIONS Restoration	LOSSES Death	LOSSES Transfer	LOSSES Otherwise	NET Loss	NET Gain
	MINNESOTA																			
1	Albert Lea, Salem....309 W. Clark St.	A. J. D. Haupt, D.D., 315 Fountain St	1907	23	....	97	97	117	197	15	1	8	12	1	4	1	2	1	..	22
2	Cannon Falls.....First English	Willis Beck, Zumbrota.....	1900	9	....	65	75	91	151	7	..	10	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	10
3	Duluth, St. John's, Lake Av., North and 3d.....	J. E. Shewell, 13½ East 4th St.	1890	43	....	138	175	368	598	15	3	38	1	6	..	2	..	5	..	41
4	Goodhue, St. Luke's.....	Willis Beck, Zumbrota.....	1897	18	....	90	98	120	195	10	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
5	Lindstrom, Trinity	John Sander, L.H.D.....	1901	25	....	130	150	199	364	10	..	25	7	5	..	2	5	25	..	5
6	Minneapolis, Holy Communion....41st Av. and 32d St.....	Luther B. Deck, 3012 29th Av. S.....	1909	8	....	57	57	59	260	22	2	13	2	9	..	..	..	2	..	24
7	Holy Trinity..29th St. and 29th Av. S	Luther B. Deck, 3012 29th Av. S.....	1905	40	1	174	174	244	604	21	4	36	2	20	..	1	16	18	..	27
8	Redeemer..Western and Irving Avs.	C. J. Rockey, 1723 Western Av.....	1909	42	....	99	115	115	335	9	5	31	3	17	1	..	..	14	..	43
9	St. John's, Chicago Av. and 17th St.	A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., 1517 Portland Ave.....	1883	25	....	331	405	460	635	21	2	22	6	10	10	4	5	22	..	19
10	St. Mark's, Lyndale and 23d Avs. N.	L. F. Gruber, 2910 Lyndale Av. N.....	1902	39	....	250	315	431	825	25	2	32	8	20	1	..	3	26	..	34
11	Salem..Garfield Av. and W. 28th St.	George H. Trabert, D.D., 610 W. 28th.	1890	41	....	308	390	526	816	24	3	29	7	22	..	3	3	22	..	33
12	North St. Paul, St. Marks.....	G. H. Rapps.....	1890	8	....	50	60	135	235	10	..	17	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	13
13	Red Wing, St. Paul's.....West Av.	Isaiah Whitman, 419 Hill St.....	1886	23	....	170	307	324	517	25	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	2	..
14	St. Paul, Holy Trinity Ada & Robie Sts.	James F. Beates, 220 E. Robie St.....	1886	35	....	270	245	333	567	15	2	25	2	16	..	2	5	25	..	13
15	Reformation.....	Wm F. Bacher, 1660 Ashland Av.... / George H. Schnur, 749 Marshall av..	1883	30	....	438	497	727	1090	26	1	17	11	9	1	7	13	6	..	13
16	Stacy, St. John's	G. H. Rapps, North St. Paul.....	1904	9	....	37	27	53	78	2	1	9	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	11
17	Zumbrota, Redeemer.....	Willis Beck.....	1905	14	....	70	70	109	163	4	..	13	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	22
	MONTANA																			
18	Livingston, Redeemer.....	F. W. Klingensmith.....	1906	4	....	35	55	55	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	.
	NORTH DAKOTA																			
19	Fargo, St. Mark's, 4th Av. & 8th St. N.	W. S. Ulrich, 714 Fourth Av. N.....	1886	34	....	250	285	351	591	19	..	15	3	17	1	4	2	..	..	30
	WISCONSIN																			
20	Afton, Holy Trinity.....	Paul H. Roth, Beloit.....	1908	..	....	20	20	22	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
21	Beloit, Atonement, Harrison Av. and Clark St.....	Paul H. Roth, 848 Park Av.....	1905	20	....	87	100	147	337	5	..	5	2	10	..	1	..	..	..	16
22	Cedarburg, Advent.....	T. F. Weiskotten.....	1904	9	....	75	76	81	115	..	..	5	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	7

23	Janesville, St. Peter's, Center and S. Jackson Sts	E. O. Hoffmeister, 108 Forest P'k Blvd	1903	40	....	160	200	257	442	15	3	31	4	8	1	3	..	2	..	42
24	Kenosha, Grace, Prairie and Lyman Av	H. K. Gebhart, 359 Ridge St	1901	28	....	211	237	292	513	21	1	28	..	3	2	2	..	21	..	11
25	La Crosse, Holy Trinity, West Av. and Ferry St	W. P. Christy, 713 S. 14th St	1898	28	....	109	151	201	429	7	3	..	3	5	..	1	3	13	6	..
26	Madison, Holy Trinity	H. R. Gold, 414 N. Henry St	1907	13	....	85	106	121	227	20	..	13	4	15	..	..	..	5	..	27
		J. F. Fedders, 301 Johnson Court	....	..	....	..	....	....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
27	Middleton, First English	H. R. Gold, Madison	1908	2	....	62	44	54	77	6	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..
28	Milwaukee, Epiphany, 2d & Clarke Sts	G Keller Rubrecht, 999 Island av	1905	74	2	288	370	425	983	18	4	50	7	26	..	..	7	28	..	52
29	Lake Park	F E. Cooper, 621 Prospect Av	1911	22	....	31	36	36	86	..	1	10	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	36
30	Redeemer....16th St. and Grand Av.	Wm. K. Frick, D.D., 2305 Cedar St	1890	28	1	375	430	570	700	16	1	22	4	8	..	4	17	3	..	11
31	Reformation .....35th and Elm Sts.	A. J. Holl, 3311½ Elm St	1908	52	....	329	332	399	776	18	4	52	6	49	..	1	..	1	..	109
32	Oshkosh, St. John's, Wisconsin Av. and Union St	Wm. C Stump, 170 Wisconsin Av	1907	4	....	81	106	135	210	13	3	6	2	4	..	..	..	3	..	12
33	Platteville, First, 4th and Mineral Sts.	L. W. Steckel, 325 Bayley Av	1902	9	....	184	202	234	342	6	3	13	5	3	2	2	..	13	..	11
34	Racine, Atonement, Wright & Quincy Avs	W. F. Rex, 2911 Wright Av	1909	31	....	151	181	227	521	18	1	16	8	14	..	2	1	4	..	32
35	Holy Communion, Washington Av. and Tenth St	William Eckert, 1034 Washington Av	1898	70	....	400	435	545	845	24	2	42	6	19	..	3	6	30	..	30
36	Superior, Holy Trinity, John Av. and 18th St	William H. Gable, 1915 Hammond Av.	1905	22	....	72	80	120	393	23	2	14	..	4	..	..	..	10	..	10
37	Waterloo, St. Paul's	C. P. Weiskotten	1906	18	....	59	65	76	121	4	4	8	5	10	..	2	..	5	..	20
	CANADA.																			
38	Winnipeg, First English, Maryland St. and Ellice Av	P. E. Baisler, 573 Maryland St	1905	15	....	70	68	80	226	5	..	2	5	6	1	2	..	..	..	12
		Totals for 1912	....	955	4	5908	6836	8839	15672	499	59	667	155	352	24	59	89	313	10	806
		Totals for 1911	....	906	10	5595	6269	8043	13956	499	55	572	140	302	71	60	118	338	....	....
		Decrease	....	....	6	....	....	....	.....	....	..	....	....	....	47	1	29	25	....	....
		Increase	....	49	....	313	567	796	1716	....	4	95	15	50	....	....	....	....	....	796

PAROCHIAL REPORT — FINANCES.

Index No.	Value of Property	CONGREGATIONAL: Current Expenses	CONGREGATIONAL: Extraordinary Expenses	CONGREGATIONAL: Total for Local Objects	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS: SYNODICAL: Synodical Expenses	SYNODICAL: Traveling Expenses	SYNODICAL: Ministerial Relief Fund	SYNODICAL: Chicago Seminary	SYNODICAL: Ministerial Education	GENERAL COUNCIL: Home Missions	GENERAL COUNCIL: Church Extension	GENERAL COUNCIL: Foreign Missions	GENERAL COUNCIL: Porto Rico Missions	GENERAL COUNCIL: Slav Missions	GENERAL COUNCIL: University Student Work	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	TOTAL AND AVERAGE: Grand Total	TOTAL AND AVERAGE: Average per Member
Minnesota																			
1	$ 3500	$ 1377 84	$ 723 25	$2101 09	$11 00	$11 97	$13 25	$20 00	$1 00	$33 00	$11 00	$28 00	$7 00	$2 00	$3 00	$16 00	$157 22	$2258 31	$23 26
2	3000	350 00	150 00	500 00	8 00	9 49	4 00	.....	.....	4 74	3 00	2 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 68	531 68	7 09
3	10000	1755 22	708 22	2463 44	.....	20 20	.....	.....	.....	15 72	15 00	33 50	.....	.....	.....	13 85	98 27	2561 71	14 64
4	2500	450 00	.....	450 00	12 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	14 75	12 00	6 00	2 77	2 00	.....	.....	53 52	503 52	5 14
5	7500	1269 00	1358 13	2627 13	19 00	21 17	22 00	.....	.....	17 23	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	86 40	2713 53	18 09
6	6000	344 83	40 00	384 83	4 00	4 38	3 27	7 00	1 00	23 29	4 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	14 47	70 41	455 24	7 98
7	4000	1560 51	142 73	1703 24	25 00	28 03	17 50	46 00	3 00	97 00	25 00	60 00	15 00	4 00	8 00	97 56	426 09	2129 33	12 24
8	5000	882 34	548 68	1431 02	9 00	10 51	7 71	30 17	1 00	45 28	42 10	27 50	12 71	3 00	16 17	14 00	219 15	1650 17	14 35
9	20000	2747 82	.....	2747 82	50 00	56 36	33 00	93 00	6 00	154 00	52 00	62 00	31 00	8 00	15 00	188 20	748 56	3496 38	8 63
10	8000	2111 47	526 46	2637 93	36 00	40 88	18 50	38 00	4 00	127 00	38 00	54 84	25 00	6 00	12 00	42 00	442 22	3080 15	9 78
11	48000	2510 17	.....	2510 17	57 00	57 67	29 50	95 00	31 00	173 00	57 00	73 00	33 60	15 00	16 00	67 00	704 77	3214 94	8 24
12	2000	852 10	.....	852 10	1 28	10 00	2 32	.....	.....	6 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 10	873 20	14 55
13	4500	1549 69	410 00	1959 69	20 00	45 11	12 00	25 00	.....	17 58	.....	.....	6 92	.....	6 06	.....	132 67	2092 36	6 81
14	5000	1603 02	785 00	2388 02	29 00	36 55	17 60	57 44	4 00	90 00	30 92	36 00	18 00	4 00	9 00	5 00	337 51	2725 53	11 13
15	30000	4368 18	1248 98	5617 16	28 00	31 68	42 71	182 35	3 00	198 72	70 00	97 15	42 06	4 00	15 75	96 78	812 20	6429 36	12 94
16	1500	313 65	25 00	338 65	3 00	3 65	1 00	9 00	1 00	10 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	7 00	45 65	384 30	14 2
17	500	400 00	.....	400 00	8 00	8 46	.....	.....	.....	14 10	3 00	2 00	1 00	79	.....	.....	37 35	437 35	6 25
Montana																			
18	4000	1347 00	604 60	1951 60	7 00	8 17	15 00	13 00	1 00	22 58	25 00	9 12	4 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	112 87	2064 47	37 53
North Dakota																			
19	35000	1850 69	4138 02	5988 71	33 00	.....	6 00	12 00	4 00	101 00	34 00	30 00	.....	5 00	.....	25 25	250 25	6238 96	21 89
Wisconsin																			
20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	9400	923 83	350 00	1273 83	12 00	13 87	11 13	28 00	2 00	16 50	13 00	8 61	8 00	2 00	4 00	55 50	174 61	1448 44	14 48
22	15000	406 03	970 25	1376 28	9 00	10 07	.....	.....	.....	28 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	25 70	84 77	1461 05	19 22
23	12000	1376 39	467 50	1843 89	20 00	22 48	31 00	66 50	2 00	62 00	21 00	25 00	12 00	3 00	6 00	14 50	285 48	2129 37	10 64

24	$20000	$1438 22	$321 50	$1859 72	.....	.....	$14 38	$18 75	.....	$35 07	$31 00	$13 09	.....	.....	$9 00	$36 00	$157 29	$2117 01	$8 93
25	12000	1170 88	1303 00	2470 88	19 00	.....	10 72	35 00	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	17 00	116 72	2587 60	17 13
26	15500	912 34	.....	912 34	10 39	.....	8 34	.....	.....	13 56	10 00	28 76	.....	.....	3 00	.....	74 04	986 38	9 30
27	.....	233 47	.....	236 47	3 00	.....	2 40	.....	.....	4 61	3 90	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 16	251 63	5 72
28	30000	2203 46	1379 02	3582 48	56 00	22 09	43 00	40 00	3 00	75 00	20 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	13 00	13 08	329 17	3911 65	10 57
29	22000	749 87	.....	749 87	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	759 87	21 11
30	20000	2769 61	10942 54	13712 18	56 00	62 78	31 40	103 00	7 00	172 00	58 00	69 00	34 00	25 00	17 00	16 24	651 42	14363 60	33 40
31	41000	2991 43	1679 16	4670 59	31 00	35 04	10 00	18 76	4 00	35 89	33 00	30 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	222 69	4893 28	14 74
32	5000	933 16	374 85	1308 01	.....	.....	15 70	42 16	2 00	15 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	92 86	1400 87	13 21
33	8000	1330 36	63 00	1393 36	23 00	25 62	13 00	67 50	.....	8 21	8 12	7 57	6 88	4 00	7 00	.....	170 90	1564 26	7 74
34	24500	1840 64	.....	1840 64	.....	13 94	12 00	.....	.....	31 63	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	16 32	113 89	1984 53	10 79
35	15000	1991 00	409 00	2400 00	55 00	61 32	19 91	101 00	7 00	168 00	57 00	67 00	34 00	8 00	17 00	.....	595 23	2995 23	6 88
36	8560	617 86	332 35	950 21	5 00	11 24	5 54	.....	.....	31 00	10 00	10 00	3 75	2 00	.....	12 00	90 53	1040 74	13 01
37	8800	827 00	1652 93	2479 93	.....	13 36	18 13	10 00	1 00	16 00	5 00	15 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	79 49	2559 42	39 37
Canada																			
38	40 000	1850 00	25000 00	26850 00	8 00	.....	14 00	15 00	1 00	18 13	14 00	10 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	.....	90 13	26940 13	396 17
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Index Number	CONGREGATIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS				WOMEN'S SOCIETIES				LUTHER LEAGUES				MEN'S SOCIETIES			
		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions		Membership		Contributions	
		Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Local Objects	Benevolence
	MINNESOTA																
1	Albert Lea, Salem	107	78	$189 45	$60 55	53	87	$505 91	$26 00	64	46	$78 12	$15 00	....	....	.....	.....
2	Cannon Falls, First English	70	40	40 00	.....	30	35	180 00	10 00	35	40	45 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
3	Duluth, St. John's	223	151	240 41	15 00	51	25	143 28	63 07	57	30	75 00	10 85	....	....	.....	.....
4	Goodhue., St. Luke's	50	25	15 00	.....	35	40	65 00	10 00	40	50	50 00	15 00	....	....	.....	.....
5	Lindstrom, Trinity	179	109	148 13	.....	38	33	988 61	8 00	14	12	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
6	Minneapolis, Holy Communion	156	92	65 90	51 86	22	15	46 06	23 49	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
7	Holy Trinity	350	185	144 42	140 36	43	24	126 68	71 31	60	45	30 00	14 00	....	....	.....	.....
8	Redeemer	261	168	108 43	182 65	30	20	111 94	40 65	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
9	St. John's	225	133	294 68	.....	75	35	631 79	.....	60	27	27 87	.....	....	....	.....	.....
10	St. Mark's	450	255	272 42	96 78	36	20	180 23	25 00	45	35	7 95	30 00	16	9	.....	.....
11	Salem	305	170	153 00	151 00	52	25	125 00	75 00	52	37	20 00	35 50	20	10	10 00	6 00
12	No. St. Paul, St. Mark's	100	60	.....	.....	16	12	38 46	2 00	25	18	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
13	Red Wing, St. Paul's	200	125	80 00	.....	63	46	430 12	.....	35	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
14	St. Paul, Holy Trinity	246	127	176 56	85 14	50	18	101 50	34 40	43	16	86 12	.....	....	....	.....	.....
15	Reformation	350	219	330 77	153 71	146	92	692 46	76 11	105	70	187 53	4 05	....	....	.....	.....
16	Stacy, St. John's	65	40	42 54	4 25	30	17	79 82	7 00	20	10	10 25	.....	....	....	.....	.....
17	Zumbrota, Redeemer	65	45	50 00	.....	25	40	60 00	15 00	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	MONTANA																
18	Livingston, Redeemer	75	45	104 99	61 40	10	25	264 11	.....	20	30	109 00	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	NORTH DAKOTA																
19	Fargo, St. Mark's	305	198	298 72	80 67	77	45	711 55	55 25	32	20	79 00	5 00	54	30	.....	.....
	WISCONSIN																
20	Afton, Holy Trinity	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
21	Beloit, Atonement	138	57	62 94	20 00	48	41	187 35	16 93	25	14	34 65	.....	....	....	.....	.....
22	Cedarburg, Advent	40	32	35 00	.....	26	19	300 00	.....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....
23	Janesville, St. Peter's	132	88	120 82	16 67	21	12	22 84	30 00	25	10	32 47	.....	....	....	.....	.....
24	Kenosha, Grace	334	191	340 00	.....	71	36	294 02	30 00	37	24	80 49	.....	32	21	27 15	.....

25	La Crosse, Holy Trinity	190	125	98 16	$57 86	35	20	194 44	$15 00	15	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Madison, Holy Trinity	86	42	48 63	.....	18	26	240 00	20 00	63	28	64 80	3 00	21	19	18 78	.....
27	Middleton, First English	....	....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Milwaukee, Epiphany	565	317	584 31	20 00	43	25	457 74	.....	75	48	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Lake Park	61	35	.....	.....	18	15	.....	.....	14	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Redeemer	200	120	274 04	110 71	60	40	112 25	125 00	20	15	8 41	.....	10	0	10 50	50 00
31	Reformation	355	202	478 40	8 20	50	30	600 00	71 00	30	18	138 32	.....	46	35	.....	.....
32	Oshkosh, St. John's	89	46	96 46	2 00	23	14	166 52	3 90	31	18	29 52	4 24	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Platteville, First English	100	55	60 00	.....	73	40	187 00	32 52	19	8	17 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Racine, Atonement	289	182	240 49	35 00	64	48	120 95	15 00	58	42	39 00	.....	31	18	.....	.....
35	Holy Communion	450	300	238 00	145 00	120	68	43 00	73 00	30	20	10 00	30 00	25	15	10 00	.....
36	Superior, Holy Trinity	170	77	68 00	24 64	31	15	307 27	18 00	25	20	50 44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Waterloo, St. Paul's	60	37	119 42	.....	20	15	752 93	11 90	11	9	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	CANADA																
38	Winnepeg, First English	126	70	125 00	18 15	16	14	155 00	14 15	35	32	175 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals for 1912	7167	4241	$5745 09	$1541 60	1619	1132	$9623 83	$1018 68	1220	814	$1595 04	$164 64	255	167	$71 43	$26 00
	Totals for 1911	6798	4190	5350 12	1904 60	1547	1023	8246 79	1302 26	1182	837	2146 64	216 02	228	162	77 37	8 50
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	Increase	369	51	394 97	.....	72	109	1377 04	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	27	5	.....	17 50

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Central Conference was held in Memorial Church, St. Paul, Rev. W. F. Bacher, pastor, October 26, 27, 1911.

Sixty delegates and thirty-nine visitors were present, representing twenty-three societies.

The following constituted the program:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON:

"Our Home Mission Opportunity", Mrs. G. H. Trabert.

"Echoes from Lancaster Convention", Mrs. A. J. D. Haupt and Mrs. G. H. Schnur.

"Slav Work", Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D.

THURSDAY EVENING:

Address—"Home Missions", Rev. W. S. Ulrich.

Address—"Foreign Missions", Rev. L. F. Gruber.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

"Inner Mission Work", Rev. F. A. Schaffnit.

The finances were reported by the Treasurer as follows:

EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 1910	$ 84.33
Dues from societies	51.25
Total	$135.58

EXPENDITURES.

Mission Topics	$ 8.10	
Mission Worker	7.50	
Convention Programs	4.75	
Postage, etc.	15.71	
Total		$ 36.06
Balance October 18, 1911		$ 99.52

MISSIONARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October 1, 1910		$ 49.01
Convention Offerings		20.85
Albert Lea		32.15
Lindstrom		13.00
Duluth		24.22
St. Paul—Memorial		44.67
Holy Trinity		26.83
St. James		17.50
Minneapolis—Holy Trinity		23.00
Holy Communion		8.70
Salem		25.00
St. Mark's		13.00
St. John's		10.00
Winnipeg		10.00
Red Wing		54.00
Superior		5.00
Grand total of receipts		$376.93

APPROPRIATIONS.

Foreign Missions	$24.00	
Home Missions	35.05	
Porto Rico	11.50	
Winnipeg Memorial Window	50.00	
Medical Pledge	75.00	
Field Missionary	75.00	
Zenana Worker	15.00	
Total		$285.55
Balance October 18, 1911		$ 91.38

Balance consists of the following:

Home Mission	$ 33.38	
Porto Rico	19.00	
Julia Harpster Missionary Band, for Scholarship	15.00	
Foreign Missions	8.50	
General	15.50	
		$ 91.38

The following business was transacted:

The Society of the Church of the Holy Communion, Minneapolis, was received into membership.

The Executive Committee was authorized to draw up a statistical blank in harmony with the authorized mission activities of the Gen-

eral Council and with the Missionary Society of the General Council, the blanks to be confined to those activities.

That we enlarge and re-classify our list of Standing Committees, in order to get in harmony with the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Council.

Article VII of the Constitution was amended as follows: That the Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers, together with the chairmen of the standing committees. They shall meet when necessary, at the call of the President, and be empowered to transact all business of the society requiring attention between the times of the meeting.

That we appropriate $50.00 to the English Lutheran Church at Livingston, Montana, as a Memorial, they to determine what the memorial is to be.

That in view of her long and efficient service in the capacity, Mrs. G. H. Trabert be made permanent Committee on India Lace.

That we withdraw our pledge of $75 for the support of our Field Missionary in this district, and instead endeavor to raise $300 for the Board of Home Missions for 1912 on the pledge of $15,000 made by the Women's Missionary Society of the General Council towards a sum of $60,000 for an increased field missionary force.

That we increase our pledge for Medical Missions to $100.00.

The officers for the year are as follows:

Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. F. Gruber, 2910 Lyndale Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn.

Stat. Secretary—Mrs. J. Sander, Lindstrom, Minn.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. Stott, 818 Watson Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Mrs. L. B. Deck, Chairman
Foreign Missions—Mrs. J. F. Beates, "
Porto Rico—Mrs. A. F. Elmquist, "
Inner Missions—Mrs. C. J. Sersen, "
India Lace—Mrs. G. H. Trabert, "
Literature—Mrs. W. F. Bacher, "

MRS. L. F. GRUBER,
Recording Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE,

The Third Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Eastern Conference was held in Holy Trinity Church, Rev. W. P. Christy, pastor, La Crosse, Wis, October 18, 1911.

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. H. K. Gebhart, 259 Ridge St., Kenosha, Wis.
1st Vice-President—Mrs. A. F. Sperling, 707 37th St., Milwaukee.
2nd Vice-President—Mrs. T. H. Diehls, 30 West Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wis.
3rd Vice-President—Mrs. A. W. Bogk, 374 21st St., Milwaukee.
Rec. Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Eckert, 1034 Washington Ave., Racine.
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. George Hemsing, 2811 State St., Milwaukee.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. F. Wittenberg, Cedarburg, Wis.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. W. K. Frick, 2305 Cedar Street, Milwaukee.
Mrs. J. D. Knowlton, Waterloo.
Mrs. A. Krause, Beloit.

COMMITTEES.

LITERATURE—
Mrs. James Maitland, 77 Wright Street, Milwaukee.
Mrs. W. P. Christy, 713 S. 14th Street, La Crosse.

INDIA AND PORTO RICA BOXES—
Miss Emma Harms, Platteville.
Mrs. L. A. Anderson, 204 N. Murry Ave., Madison.

INDIA LACES—
Mrs. A. W. Bogk, 374 Twenty-first Street, Milwaukee.
Mrs. E. C. Meske, 2620 Brown Street, Milwaukee.

LANTERN SLIDES—
Mrs. W. F. Rex, 2911 Wright Ave., Racine.
Miss C. Thompson, 316 St. Lawrence Street, Beloit.

POST CARDS—
Mrs. Henry Schambow, Platteville.
Mrs. W. C. Stump, 170 Wisconsin Ave., Oshkosh.

There were eleven congregations, thirteen societies and seventeen delegates represented.

The societies reported the following contributions:

For dues to the State Society	$ 48.00
" Home Missions	227.90
" Foreign Missions	50.00
" India	83.00
" Porto Rico	15.00
" Local Purposes	3,266.64
Total	$3,690.54

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Locals	$77.13
Disbursements	26.98
Cash on hand	$50.15
Convention offering	9.25

Conference will support a native woman as Overseer of the Lace Industry in India at $50.00.

The following papers were read and discussed:

"The Promising Features in the Outlook for Missions", Miss Ida Gall, Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee.

"The Discouraging Features in the Outlook", Mrs. A. F. Sperling, Church of the Reformation, Milwaukee.

"Church Extension and Home Missions", Mrs. F. W. Freitag, Church of the Holy Communion, Racine.

"The Women of the Bible", Mrs. T. H. Diehls, St. Peter's Church, Janesville.

"Women in the Church To-day", Miss C. Thompson, Church of the Atonement, Beloit.

In the evening Rev. Wm. Eckert gave a stereopticon lecture on Inner Missions.

MRS. WILLIAM ECKERT,
Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Plan for Providing a Fund in Support of Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

1. The NAME of this fund shall be THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND OF THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

2. This fund shall be sustained by the annual contributions of pastors and congregations, by private donations and by bequests.

3. Every pastor of the Synod shall pay into this fund, each year before the closing of the Treasurer's books, previous to the meeting of Synod, a sum amounting to one-half of one per cent (½%) of his salary which shall include a reasonable rent of the parsonage, if one is provided by the congregation. It is further provided that in case his congregation refuses to pay its assessment into the fund he shall pay one per cent (1 %) of his salary as provided in Rule 14.

4. Each congregation shall pay at the rate of one per cent (1 %) of its annual income for current expenses,* which amount shall be added to its annual budget and be paid into the fund each year before the closing of the Treasurer's books, previous to the meeting of Synod. The contribution to this fund shall be regarded an obligation just as binding as paying the salary of the pastor, and the half rate granted the pastor is conditional upon the prompt payment of this assessment by the congregation.

5. Private donations by direct gifts, or legacies may be made to the Treasurer at any time, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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* By current expenses is meant, all monies paid out for salaries (pastor, organist, choir, janitor, etc.), fuel, light, taxes, and all necessary expenses of the congregation. It does not include interest on mortgages, etc.

THE BOARD.

6. A board composed of five members shall have control of the fund. The members of this board shall be elected by the Synod to serve for three years, one member of the first board being elected for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and their successors for three years, any member of the board being eligible for re-election.

7. In case of a vacancy occurring in the board during the year, the remaining members shall have power to fill the same until the next meeting of the Synod.

8. The board shall elect its own officers and shall keep a strict account of all moneys received and invested and of all benefits paid, and shall render a full report to the Synod at each annual convention.

9. Each member of the board shall be personally responsible to the Synod for all moneys and investments made, and shall give bonds to the Synod in such amounts as may be fixed from time to time by the Synod. The costs of the bond shall be borne by the fund.

10. The board shall receive and invest all the moneys contributed for this fund and administer the same as the Synod may direct. Unless otherwise ordered by Synod, it shall fix the amount of benefit to be paid in each case, and shall pay the same to the beneficiary as provided for in Rules 12 and 13.

11. No aid shall be rendered from this fund until the fund shall reach ten thousand dollars, ($10,000), but in case of special need the board may request a special contribution from the congregations. It is further provided that the principal, ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall not be used except as a perpetual investment for the fund.

BENEFICIARIES.

12. Any minister of the Synod becoming superannuated or disabled and incapable for pastoral work or teaching, shall receive such amount annually (to be paid in quarterly installments) as the board, according to the circumstances and the amount in the fund may justify, or as the Synod may have designated.

13. A minister's widow shall receive a benefit from the fund

as long as she remains a widow, if in the judgment of the board it be deemed necessary. Should she marry again the said aid shall cease. Should she die leaving orphan children, the amount of support to be rendered each child shall be determined by the board according to their needs, but all such benefits shall cease upon the sixteenth birthday of each child, or sooner at the discretion of the board.

14. A minister of the Synod, not a regular pastor of a congregation but engaged in the service of the church, shall enjoy the benefit of the fund provided he pays annually one per cent (1%) of his salary into the fund, unless for some sufficient reasons Synod make him a special rate.

15. Should a minister who has contributed to the fund for three (3) years, move out of the Synod, he may continue to enjoy the benefits of the fund by contributing annually to the fund such an amount as in the judgment of the board shall be equitable and just both to the Synod and to the beneficiary, provided he remains in the active work of the ministry, and in good standing in some synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

16. Any minister relinquishing the active ministry to engage in purely secular work shall be excluded from the benefits of the fund, as it it intended for those only who give their entire time and strength to the service of the Church.

17. Every minister and congregation applying for membership in the Synod shall be *notified by the president of the Synod* of the rules and provisions made for the aid of the pastors, and their widows and orphans.

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